

# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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# Bachelor's degree



# **BA European Cultures and Society (EUCS)**

Europa-Universität Flensburg • Flensburg











### Overview

Degree	Bachelor of Arts in European Cultures and Society
Teaching language	• English
Languages	Courses are held in English (100%).
Full-time / part-time	• full-time
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	There is only an autumn intake for applications to the first semester.  Students can only start their studies in spring if they are applying to a higher semester (for that, please check the specific application deadlines on the website.
Application deadline	Non-EU applicants: 1 December to 15 July (the earlier the application, the earlier the admission)  EU applicants: 15 May to 15 July  Please always check the website beforehand to see if there are any changes to these deadlines.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	How does the European Union's internal market work? What is the impact of marketing in society? How are European states organised economically? What is the symbolic role of refugees in Europe? How can I identify the scenographic concepts in staged European history? What is the influence of culture in the structuring of society? Or

How can I become an entrepreneur? What do I need to do to become a university lecturer? How can I write a newspaper article? How is a museum organised?

If you are interested in answering any of these questions or similar questions, if you are interested in Europe and its relation to the world, if you are interested in solving problems from several perspectives, if you are interested in understanding society better, then European Cultures and Society is the right choice for you!

The three-year Bachelor's programme is offered at the campus of the Europa-Universität Flensburg (EUF).

This Bachelor's programme is an interdisciplinary study programme focusing on the cultural and social sciences of Europe. Empirical research methods as well as hermeneutic methods and critical thinking enable students to work in interdisciplinary settings.

One of the particular features throughout this programme is its project-based application of academic knowledge in the fields of research, journalism, art and scenography or entrepreneurship. This prepares students for dealing with the practical challenges of their future careers.

As an international BA, with all classes taught in English, the programme requires the completion of one semester abroad.

#### Join a Bachelor's programme

- in an international yet familial environment
- where you are challenged to solve problems
- where you develop intercultural, communication and leadership skills
- where you are asked to explore the world and share your experiences
- where you can be inspired to find your better self and get prepared to start your career

Join European Cultures and Society.

**Current information** 

All Covid-19 restrictions have been eliminated.

#### **Course Details**

#### Course organisation

EUCS follows a modular structure, which makes it more adaptable to students' needs and preferences than other Bachelor's programmes. Therefore, the structure presented below is flexible.

#### Introduction (first and second semester):

- The area "Topics and Disciplines" covers an introduction to how Europe is portrayed and discussed in cultural studies and social sciences.
- The area "Doing Europe" focuses on academic skills and research methods. It provides an
  introduction to the project fields of research, journalism, entrepreneurship, and art and
  scenography, in which students might later apply for practical training and job
  opportunities.

#### Development and Focus (third semester onward):

During the **third semester** students choose one of two points of focus: either "European Cultures" or "European Society". Within the chosen point of focus, students deepen their academic knowledge in the area "Topics and Disciplines" as well as their practical abilities in the area "Doing Europe" by expanding their research methodology skills and implementing their knowledge in one project field. Students also have elective topics from other areas at this time.

Students deepen their knowledge through the interdisciplinary study of current problems and debates related to European cultures or society.

During the **fourth or fifth semester**, students complete their **semester abroad**. To help them prepare, language courses are offered that are free of charge.

The **sixth semester** is mainly dedicated to writing the Bachelor's thesis with the support of a colloquium and other academic courses.

#### **European focus:**

This programme exposes students to a wide range of topics and disciplines presented from various perspectives, which enables them to understand European issues and improve their problem-solving skills.

#### Project-based learning:

- Journalism takes students through the steps needed to complete journalistic tasks.
- Research prepares students for scientific careers by advancing their scientific research skills.
- Entrepreneurship empowers students to become capable and independent business managers.
- Art & Scenography transforms students' creativity into a scenic output.

#### Semester abroad:

To enrich their perspective on Europe, all students complete a semester abroad during their studies. The goal is to experience first-hand different cultures, societies, languages, educational systems, etc.

After completing this Bachelor's programme, you will be prepared to start your career, develop your own projects or continue to pursue a Master's programme anywhere in the world.

The Europa-Universität Flensburg offers students the possibility to join one of the following Master's programmes:

- European Studies
- Education in Europe
- Culture, Language and Media
- International Management
- Transformation Studies

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be issued	

Yes

#### International elements

- Integrated study abroad unit(s)
- Study trips
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- International guest lecturers
- Language training provided
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad

# Integrated study abroad unit(s)

The programme requires the completion of one semester abroad.

The fourth and fifth semesters are organised in a way that makes it easier for students to choose to complete their semester abroad during this period of time. To make the integration abroad smoother, students are encouraged to take part in the many **language courses** offered by the Language Centre of the Europa-Universität Flensburg. These courses are free of charge.

The semester abroad can be financed by **ERASMUS+** funds from the European Union. Other funding possibilities might also be available.

# Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

#### Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

### Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Students must pay a matriculation fee of 25 EUR when enrolling plus a semester contribution each semester, both paid to the Studentenwerk. The semester contribution fee may vary (for exact amount please click here, tab semester re-enrolment). This fee covers some expenses of the Studentenwerk, the student administration (AStA) and the public transport within the state of Schleswig-Holstein and the city of Hamburg.
Costs of living	The cost of living is generally slightly lower than in major German cities. A budget of 700 to 850 EUR per month should cover the basic cost of living, including rent. More details are available <b>here</b> .
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above- mentioned funding opportunities within the university	The Europa-Universität Flensburg (EUF) participates in the "Deutschlandstipendienprogramm".

### Requirements / Registration

Academic admission	
requirements	

A high school background considered equivalent to the German "Abitur" is required. More information can be found here or here.

#### Language requirements

#### International applicants:

can prove they possess sufficient knowledge of English by a school-leaving qualification from an English-speaking school qualifying for university entrance or by obtaining one of the following certificates:

- FCE (First Certificate in English): grade A, B
- CAE (Certificate in Advanced English): grade A, B, C
- CPE (Certificate of Proficiency in English): grade A, B, C
- IELTS Academic (International English Language Testing System): band score 6.5 or superior
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): Internet-based testing: min. 90 points (from max. 120)

**National applicants** may also prove their knowledge of the English language by showing an average grade of at least 10 points in the subject English during the German "gymnasiale Oberstufe", with English being continued up until the point that the high school diploma has been awarded (average value of the last four semesters).

**For all applicants:** The certificate proving knowledge of English must not have been obtained longer than **two years** prior to the start of the study programme.

#### **Application deadline**

Non-EU applicants: 1 December to 15 July (the earlier the application, the earlier the admission)

EU applicants: 15 May to 15 July

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#### Submit application to

Europa-Universität Flensburg

Zulassungsstelle Auf dem Campus 1 24943 Flensburg Germany

More information about the application procedure can be foundhere.

#### **Services**

#### Possibility of finding parttime employment

Students may work as language tutors, student assistants, at the university library or in similar positions.

There is also the possibility to find a student job in the city of Flensburg in the several companies and services available.

Please see concrete examples here.

In any case, knowledge of the German language might be required (minimum B1 CEFRL).

#### Accommodation

There are **five dormitories** around campus and the city where accommodation can be found. More information and application for admission can be found here. The application must be sent directly to the Housing Department of Student Services ("Studentenwerk").

However, most students prefer to live in **shared apartments** in the city centre. There are many opportunities to find a room in one of these shared apartments online, in newspapers and in several advertisements spread around campus. In August, the Campus Angels of the Europa-Universität Flensburg can help you with the task of finding accommodation.

#### Career advisory service

Campus Career – Flensburg offers individual consultation with students, guidance related to student jobs and career start, organises events with regional employers, organises workshops on how to write a CV or an application letter, supports student entrepreneurship, etc.

Campus Career - Flensburg

# Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling
- Cultural and linguistic preparation
- Visa matters
- Pick-up service
- Accompanying programme
- Tutors
- Help with finding accommodation

# General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The International Centre offers support pre-arrival, during the stay in Flensburg and after departure to international students, staff and doctoral candidates joining the Europa-Universität Flensburg. Support can be found here.

#### Supervisor-student ratio

1:14



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#### Johanna Rübcke EUCS Student

I really like the interdisciplinary approach of this study programme. It provides the chance to look into different subjects like politics, law, economics, etc. Moreover, it made me realise how important and special Europe is and that it is worthwhile to learn more about it. The size of Flensburg is perfect for studying. The short ways to the sea, city or the campus save me a lot of time. I often run into people I know, which has made it easy to settle here and made me feel at home very quickly.



# **EUCS** in Flensburg

A day in the life of an EUCS student

more: https://youtu.be/d-C4KVw-c-g

# Europa-Universität Flensburg



The Helsinki Building

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Situated in the German-Danish border region, Germany's northernmost university is a young university. Founded in 1946 by the British, it was awarded university status in 2000. Since 2014, it has been known as "Europa-Universität". In 2017, the Europa-Universität Flensburg (EUF) adapted its semester times to correspond with international semester times: In the spring semester, the lecture period runs from March to June; in the fall semester, it runs from September to December. With around 6,300 students, it is a comparatively small university. Young people from around 90 nations study on the Flensburg campus.

The main study programmes focus on educational science and interdisciplinary European studies as well as on environmental sciences / sustainable development.

The location in the border region is ideal for a university with a mission to live the European dream of intercultural encounters and explore its reality. For almost 30 years, Europa-Universität Flensburg and Danish Syddansk Universitet have been working closely together. Their double degree courses in economics offer students the opportunity to obtain degrees from both universities simultaneously.

The region is characterised by beaches, wind, and the sea. Situated directly on the fjord, with its impressive old buildings, low rent, a lively cultural scene, and close proximity to Scandinavia, Flensburg offers excellent living and studying conditions.



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#### University location

The city of Flensburg is characterised by its waterside location and by the immediate proximity of its neighbouring country, Denmark. Located at the northernmost point in Germany, the city of Flensburg is the gateway to Scandinavia. It is only a few miles drive to the Danish border; the Kingdom of Denmark is located even closer to Flensburg than Husum or Kiel, and it can actually be seen from the beach at Wassersleben.

The campus is located about two kilometres from the city centre. Approximately one in ten residents of Flensburg is enrolled at Europa-Universität Flensburg or at the University of Applied Sciences. This is particularly noticeable during the summer months, when there is a lively atmosphere in this university town. As soon as the cold days are over and the last lectures have ended, students meet at the beach or at "the place to be" in the harbour, the "Hafenspitze".

Whether it's the reflecting water, the sail boats rocking gently in the waves, the sunset, or the fact that there is always someone you know – everyone likes the heart of Flensburg.

Away from the water, Flensburg's historical city centre and its identity, developed over many centuries, is one of the landmarks of the city. Spared attacks in times of war, Art Nouveau style houses and old villas can be found everywhere in the city. Its small streets are home to cafés, numerous courtyards, rum producers, a wide pedestrian zone, harbour pubs, and several beaches.

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