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Language course/short course



Land in the City - Green in the City

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Overview

Course location	Berlin
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Language level of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English: B2
Date(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">15 July - 9 August 2024 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 May 2024)
Information on dates, prices and mode of study	Check fees and funding for more details.
Target group	Undergraduate students with an interest in urban planning, ecological, environmental, cultural and agricultural topics
Description/content	<p>In the age of climate change and mega urbanisation, urban agriculture and horticulture provide multiple functions and benefits to urban dwellers and cities. The course shows and discusses new perspectives of how cities can be developed sustainably, greener and resilient.</p> <p>The classes will deal with the history of urban agriculture and garden cultures, for example, from the old Persian world and the ancient cultures of Mayas, Aztecs and Inca, as well from North America and Europe.</p> <p>"We cannot change the past, but we can change the future." (Dalai Lama, 11/2017 Bhubaneswa)</p> <p>The urban gardening movement has its obstacles to be involved in the concepts of smart, clean, compact and global cities. The course will discuss the current role and the future of urban gardening in the world.</p> <p>The classes will equip students with valuable knowledge and skills. Experience, academic research and suggestions in theory and practice are provided for future decision-makers in urban design and planning, civil engineering, architecture and landscape architecture as well for students from administration, politics and legislations.</p> <p>The lectures, seminars and excursions will offer the students a deeper insight of green as an integral part of urban sustainable development. The ecological, economic and social advantages are manifold: healthy nutrition, reduced loss of food due to inadequate transport and storage, poverty reduction through income opportunities. The variety of urban green infrastructure provides spaces for climate improvement, energy savings, rain water management, recreation, education and biodiversity of urban wildlife.</p> <p>The course will identify and show examples of the many functions that agriculture and horticulture activities fulfil in large cities, especially in Berlin. Explore different ways to save and create green spaces. Participants will learn about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">different techniques to protect and create green spaces, in order to identify the

interdisciplinary character of welfare effects on urban life

- institutional conditions of green infrastructure in urban planning processes and the ecological, economic and social benefits of green infrastructure
- different ways to cultivate and process agricultural products for food security and income-earning reasons in cities by applying new and traditional production methods
- strategies for mitigation and adaptation to climate change in order to decrease greenhouse gas and the urban heat island (UHI) effect
- conservation of resources through energy and water cycles as well as recycling of waste (composting)

Meet experts of urban agriculture and horticulture projects in Berlin, such as allotment gardens, community gardens, green roof and walls and market-oriented urban farms (vegetable, fish and algae production). The course addresses the issues of ecological challenges and responsibilities in sustainable urban development in order to improve planning, design and architecture in cities.

Course details

Recognised language exams offered (e.g. DSH, TestDaF, TOEFL)	No
Other degrees / qualifications awarded	Certificate of participation
ECTS points (max.)	6
Average number of hours per week	15
Average number of participants per group/course	18

Costs / Funding

Dates and costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 July - 9 August 2024 (Registration deadline of course provider: 15 May 2024), costs: EUR 840
This price includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accompanying programme• Course fees
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Requirements / Registration

Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• English
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Language level of course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English: B2
Language requirements	This course is taught in English, including readings in English. In order to understand the texts and participate in the discussions in class, a language level of B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is required.
Submit application to	hic.hu-berlin.de/en/huwisu

Services

Is accommodation organised?	The organiser helps participants look for accommodation.
Meals	Inexpensive meals are available at the cafeteria of Humboldt University.
Is a social and leisure programme offered?	Yes
Description of social and leisure programme	HUWISU offers a fine selection of interesting extracurricular activities and aims to give all participants an unforgettable stay in Berlin. Your programme includes excursions, sport activities and social gatherings that provide you with the opportunity to get to know the city, the university and your international classmates better. The costs for these offers are included in the course fees.
Free internet access	Yes
Support in visa matters	Yes
Pick-up service from train station/airport	No

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