

Opportunities for Study and Travel in Germany and Austria

I. What is Study Abroad?

1. Students pay fees levied by host university overseas.
2. Students require a Letter of Permission (LOP) from their Faculty, found at [Letter of Permission - Office of the Registrar - Western University](#)
3. Please take the LOP to the undergraduate chair of Languages and Cultures – [Cristina Caracchini](#)
4. You may choose which university you would like to attend. Some locations are suggested below.
5. Students receive numerical or alpha grades for no more than 5.0 credits.

II. What is an Exchange?

1. Students pay regular Western Fees
2. Students can apply for Western International scholarships, found at [Scholarships & Funding - International Learning - Western University](#)
 - Some scholarships include: The Ontario International Education Opportunity Scholarship, “Go Global” Arts and Humanities, German Exchange Travelling Fellowship, Sunlight Foundation International Exchange Award, Diana Beattie Exchange Scholarship etc.
3. Students apply through the Western International – apply early! Application deadlines vary. Check with Exchange Office.
4. Courses are marked as pass/fail or pass with distinction on the academic record.
5. Students may take no more than 5.0 credits.
6. Please fill out [a letter of permission](#) (LOP) and take it to the undergraduate chair of Languages and Cultures - [Cristina Caracchini](#)

Please Note: A language course equivalent to 1.0 UWO must have at least **80 contact hours**, and be similar in content to a UWO course. For further information, contact the undergraduate chair of Languages and Cultures - [Cristina Caracchini](#)

I. Summer Study Programs (with scholarships opportunities)

1. OBW INTERNATIONAL LAKE CONSTANCE SUMMER SCHOOL



A summer program that allows you to take classes on both German language and the culture of the surrounding German-speaking countries. Language classes are offered at various levels, including beginners, so there is no need for former knowledge of the German language to apply. The program includes class time as well as educational excursions.

at UWO, and who will be continuing studies at Western after the program. A Letter of Permission from your Faculty is also required.

[OWB Link](#)

Duration: 4 weeks (August)

Deadline: January 15th 2026 (apply to Western International)

[Contact person link](#)

2. SUMMER PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA

The International Summer Program offers academic lectures about Europe ("European Studies") from different fields, including Law, Political Science, Economics, History, Art, Music, Human Rights as well as German Language Courses.

Eligibility: applicants must be at least 18 years of age & must have completed at least 2 years of college/university-level study. A Letter of Permission from your Faculty is also required.

Format: European Studies (mornings) & German language courses (afternoons).

Duration: 4 weeks (July - Aug)

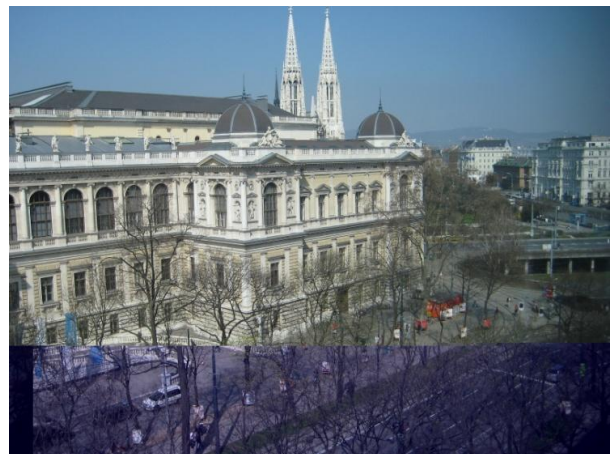
Stipend: limited # of scholarships from the Univ. of Vienna.

Apply At: [Uni Vie Summer School](#)

Deadline: November 1st - March 31st (early application recommended).

Competition: 100 students (first-come, first-served).

Contact: sommerhochschule@univie.ac.at



II. Other Summer Study Programs

3. SUMMER COURSES - FREIE UNIVERSITÄT, BERLIN (FUBIS)

At least 5 levels of German language courses are offered. Students also have the opportunity to study courses in history, architecture, German culture, literature and art, environmental policy, the development of the European Union, European Studies etc. Most content-based courses are taught in English and may be counted toward your degree. There is a program to assist you with off-campus accommodation that can be requested upon registration.

Eligibility: students in 2nd year and up. A Letter of Permission from your Faculty is required

Duration and Fees: there are three terms of 4-6 weeks in the summer or winter. Fees are determined by length of program. **Cost, Time & Application:** [FUBiS](#) (Early December)



4. CANADIAN SUMMER SCHOOL IN GERMANY (CSSG) – KASSEL



The CSSG offers language and culture courses in Kassel, Germany, in a unique and intensive immersion program. The CSSG offers the following levels:

- First-year (second-semester) German immersion (A2)
- Second-year German immersion (B1)
- Third-year German immersion (B2)
- Fourth-year German immersion (C1)
- Study-abroad Service Learning (for previous CSSG

students only)

- German Community Service Learning (B2 and up)
- Teaching and Learning German (for graduate TAs, B.Ed. students, & in-service teachers).

Eligibility: completion of Western's German 1030 (for Intermediate courses) & completion of corresponding preceding levels for the advanced courses, plus a Letter of Permission from your Faculty.

Duration: 6.5 weeks (complete one full course of 85 hours and additional activities): May-June

Deadline: Early 2026 check for dates. ([apply directly to the CSSG](#), first come first served by course level, important to apply early).

5. STUTTGART UNIVERSITY – SUMMER GERMAN COURSES

Several levels of German **language** instruction (90 hrs. each): 1.0 Western credit per course. Additional **subject courses** in 20th Century Architecture, International Business, Cross-Cultural Communication etc. Language courses: mornings. Subject courses: afternoons — with excursions. Accommodation with a host family or in a student dorm.

Eligibility: completion of first year and a US GPA of 2.75 or higher. Letter of Permission from your Faculty required.

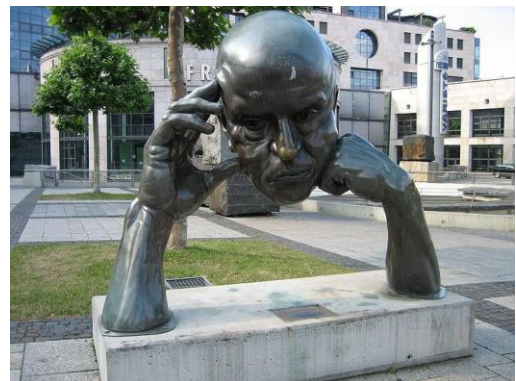
Duration: Late May to late June

[OWB Link](#) (OBW mediates for Stuttgart as well)

[Contact person link](#) at Western International

[Cost, Contact etc.](#) in Stuttgart

Deadline: January 15 (OWB) March (From Universität Stuttgart)



6. GOETHE-INSTITUT COURSES

The Goethe-Institut offers an extensive *summer program* of language courses at locations throughout Germany. These include intensive, super-intensive, and customized courses (e.g. Business German, Language and Culture Program in Weimar). Language certificates for Goethe-Institut examinations are internationally recognized.

Eligibility: must be at least 18 years of age and obtain a Letter of Permission from your Faculty. To receive a grade a separate exam is necessary.

Duration: 2, 4, or 8 weeks.

Cost: transportation cost, course fee, accommodation (private or Goethe-Institute dorms), meals, personal expenses. Prices are listed online.

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Information: Goethe-Institute Toronto: Tel. 416-593-5257; mainoffice@goethetor.org

NB. Many German and Austrian universities and institutes offer summer language and culture courses for foreign students. They include the Universität Heidelberg, the Universität Stuttgart, Duke-Berlin, and Bowling Green-Salzburg programs, the Wiener Internationale Hochschulkurse, and many, many more. Since 1992, the [DAAD](#) (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst [German Academic Exchange Service]) has been co-sponsoring several summer institutes in German Studies at universities in the United States and in Germany.

7. [Freiburg Summer School Program](#)

Eligibility: Students must have had 2 years of ^{FSEP}German/completed the A2 level and obtain a Letter of Permission from your Faculty.

Duration: Options in March, August, and September (one month long)

Cost: transportation, program fees, accommodation, meals, personal expenses. Prices online.

Award: "Academic Recognition Award" (awards range from \$1000 to \$1,500).



8. EUROPEAN STUDIES PROGRAM (FU-BEST) - Freie Universität Berlin

Language and subject courses in German for advanced German Studies / German language students or students of European Studies / history / political science.

Eligibility: students past 3d yr. German.

Duration: Semester format (Sept-Dec) (Feb-May)

Contact: fubest@fu-berlin.de



www.fubest.org/prog/germanplus

III. Exchange Destinations: All Disciplines

1. ONTARIO/BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG UNIVERSITY STUDENT EXCHANGE

Through an agreement between a consortium of Ontario universities and Baden-Württemberg universities, supported by the governments of Ontario and Baden-Württemberg, up to fifty Ontario students have the opportunity to study for one academic year at a university in Baden-Württemberg.

Eligibility: open to students in almost all fields who, at the time they apply, are pursuing an *undergraduate (2nd year or higher) or graduate degree program* at UWO and who will be registered in a degree program at UWO during the year abroad. Competence in German appropriate to the field and level of study is required. Students selected will participate in a free, intensive language course and orientation in Germany.

Duration: usually September to July. One semester exchange also possible.

Cost: UWO tuition, travel, plus normal living expenses.

Students may also apply OSAP, OGS, or a UWO scholarship to their year in Baden-Württemberg.

Scholarship: [Scholarships & Funding - International Learning - Western University](#)

Deadline: Application must be made to Western International; UWO deadline: January 15, 2026.

[Contact person link](#) at Western

URL: [OBW Student Exchange](#) (full information, downloadable application forms)

https://international.uwo.ca/learning/go_abroad/exchange.html



IV. Exchange Destinations: Subject-Specific Exchanges

2. UNIVERSITY OF MAGDEBURG

The University of Magdeburg offers courses focused on engineering, natural sciences and medicine. All courses are taught in English. It is possible to apply to live on campus



Eligibility: undergraduate students in the Department of Economics or the Bachelor of Management and Organizational Studies program. A CV, statement of purpose, transcript and online application form is required for admission.

Duration: one semester or year long

Cost: UWO tuition, as well as an administrative fee of approximately \$90 that covers public transportation.

Deadline: January 15th, 2026.

[Contact person link](#) at Western

3. EUROPEAN BUSINESS SCHOOL - Law School Exchange



80% of courses are taught in English, and two weeks prior to the start of each semester, EBS offers intensive German lessons for exchange students, free of charge. On-campus accommodations are very limited but the university helps with finding international students furnished accommodation.

Eligibility: undergraduate students in Management and Organizational Studies and students with a specialization in Commercial Aviation Management

Duration: 1 term (Fall/Spring), or 1 full year
*Year long Exchanges are encouraged

Cost: UWO tuition fees, plus travel and living expenses.

Eligibility: This exchange program is open only to Western Law students enrolled in the JD or combined JD programs.

Duration: An exchange is only possible during Fall term.

Cost: UWO tuition, travel, plus normal living expenses. Students may also apply OSAP, OGS, or a UWO scholarship to their year in Baden-Württemberg.

Funding: <https://www.ebs.edu/en/scholarships-financing>

Deadline: January 15, 2026.

[Contact person link](#) at Western

URL: https://international.uwo.ca/learning/go_abroad/exchange.html

4. THE GERMAN SPORT UNIVERSITY, COLOGNE



The German Sport University, Cologne (Deutsche Sporthochschule Köln) is Germany's largest and most prestigious center of teaching and research in physical education and sport sciences. Through its 20 scientific departments, the university covers a wide range of sport-science teaching and research. More than 30 sports are taught in theory and practice in its modern facilities. Courses are taught in both English and German.

Eligibility: only Graduate and undergraduate Kinesiology students may apply

Duration: one semester or a full year

Cost: UWO tuition fees, plus travel and living expenses

More information at [Western Atlas - Sport University, Cologne](#)

[Contact person link](#) at Western

5. LMU (München)



Eligibility:

open to students in almost all fields who, at the time they apply, are pursuing an *undergraduate* (2nd year or higher) or *graduate degree program* at UWO and who will be registered in a degree program at UWO during the year abroad. Competence in German appropriate to the field and level of study is required. Students selected will participate in a free, intensive language course and orientation in Germany.

Duration: usually September to July. One semester exchange also possible.

Cost: UWO tuition, travel, plus normal living expenses. Scholarships may apply ([check Atlas for more info](#))

Scholarship: [Scholarships & Funding - International Learning - Western University](#)

Deadline: Application must be made to Western International; UWO deadline: January 16, 2026.

[Contact person link](#) at Western

URL: [Erasmus+ and LMUexchange - LMU Munich](#) (more information)

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6. KIT (Karlsruhe) - Engineering



Eligibility:

Undergraduate students in the Faculty of Engineering only.

Students must have a minimum cumulative average of 70% to apply.

Duration: usually September to July. One semester exchange also possible.

Cost: UWO tuition, travel, plus normal living expenses.

Scholarship: [Scholarships & Funding - International Learning - Western University](#)

Deadline: Application must be made to Western International; UWO deadline: January 15, 2026.

[Contact person link](#) at Western

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