Welcome to the International Summer Campus Office

A unique educational and cultural experience abroad is an asset your students will value for a lifetime. Create your own specific experience - tailor-made for your students and you!

The ISCO of the University of Potsdam is your partner if you are looking for a program developed especially to match your students’ individual needs. With our many years of experience in the design and supervision of a wide range of academic programs with prestigious universities worldwide, we know what it takes to be a reliable and competent partner.

Joint programs are designed in close cooperation with the sending institutions. We develop, organize and administer special course programs, and our range of services is mainly geared to universities worldwide.

Potsdam has always been home to scientists and has a rich intercultural history. Come and feel the spirit of this place!

Prof. Dr. Schweigert / Vice President for International Affairs, Alumni and Fundraising
I really enjoyed the summer in Potsdam. Thanks to the staff it never gets boring!

Olga Z., student from Moldova

The University of Potsdam is an experienced host to international students and fellow researchers. Since its founding in 1991, the university has quickly established itself among the numerous academic science and research facilities in the Berlin-Brandenburg area.

The University of Potsdam offers a wide variety of degree programs as well as a distinct interdisciplinary research profile. Some of the subjects offered are quite unique in Germany, such as Jewish Studies or Patholinguistics. In addition to that, the university is the center of teacher education in the Federal State of Brandenburg.

The three university campuses each have their own past: Campus Neues Palais was built by Frederick the Great as part of his guest palace, Campus Golm first consisted of Nazi barracks, was taken over by the Soviet Army and later the Ministry of State Security (Stasi) during the GDR period, and Campus Griebnitzsee was the German Red Cross Headquarters during World War II, later it housed the GDR Academy of State and Law.

#17 WORLDWIDE / THE YOUNG UNIVERSITY RANKING 2018

20,000+ STUDENTS
7 FACULTIES
3 LOCATIONS (i. a. UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE)
24 POTSDAM RESEARCH INSTITUTES COLLABORATE W/ UP
18 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MASTER PROGRAMS
30 MINUTES TRAIN RIDE TO BERLIN’S CITY CENTER
A city rich in culture, nature and history

Potsdam is surely one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, and has become extremely popular in recent years. Surrounded by lakes, rivers and forests, and with its many palaces and gardens, it is an inspiring place to live, study and work.

From German empire to democracy, Potsdam’s vibrant history is visible in its multifaceted townscape. You can study in beautiful baroque buildings built by the Prussian Kaiser, visit the memorial site where the Wannsee conference took place and explore the Glienicker Bridge, the former spy bridge from the Stasi era.

Potsdam’s architecture reveals many different European influences throughout the centuries. The Dutch Quarter with its shops and restaurants, the Russian Colony Alexandrowka with its orchards, and the Slavic Weaver’s Quarter in Babelsberg all demonstrate that Potsdam has always been open to many cultures.

There are so many interesting places and it’s impossible to see them all.

Marco M., student from Italy

By bike, bus or train, you can easily move around Potsdam and its beautiful green surroundings, or quickly reach bustling Berlin, the capital of Germany.

Home to the sciences

Since 1874, Potsdam has been home to the sciences as well. The historical complex of research buildings on the Telegrafenberg, with the large refracting telescope and the Einstein Tower built in 1920, are the most striking examples. Nowadays, Potsdam is a modern city of sciences with the University of Potsdam as the largest university in Brandenburg, the Babelsberg Film University Konrad Wolf, the Potsdam University of Applied Sciences, and numerous research institutes.

There are so many interesting places and it’s impossible to see them all.

Marco M., student from Italy
The optional cultural program includes city tours of Potsdam and Berlin, a guided tour of the New Palace castle in Park Sanssouci and a boat trip on the River Havel, where Potsdam’s many castles can be discovered from the water. Depending on the duration of the course, we also offer weekend trips to different cities in Germany, such as Hamburg, Leipzig, Dresden, Weimar and Erfurt. Please feel free to ask us or propose your own ideas.

If requested, we help organize German host families or housing in Potsdam’s student dormitories (only August). We also help you in finding hotels, hostels or guesthouses, depending on the wishes and requirements of the group. We can provide the group with tickets for the public transport system to use buses, trains and subways immediately upon arrival.

If you like, we organize an opening ceremony and a farewell party for your group, complete with catering.

During the summer program, I enjoy Potsdam and nearby Berlin. I can go to museums in the morning, see some important historical sites in the afternoon, and experience great food and music at night!

Takahiro N., student from Japan
As umbrella brand for three short term programs and in addition to the Tailor Made Programs, the International Summer Campus also offers Summer School Programs and Intensive Language Programs.

I’m very much looking forward to teaching at the University of Potsdam every summer anew. The global knowledge transfer and exchange of experience happens almost incidentally here and is yet essential.

Katja Baumeister-Frenzel, lecturer
www.uni-potsdam.de/isc
www.facebook.com/ISCO.UniPotsdam/
www.instagram.com/internationalsummercampus/

SEE YOU IN
POTSDAM