



## Information...

can be found

- on our website:  
[www.europa-uni.de/en/internationales](http://www.europa-uni.de/en/internationales)
- on our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/ViadrinaInternational](https://www.facebook.com/ViadrinaInternational)
- by contacting former exchange students:  
[www.facebook.com/groups/ViadrinaStudentsAbroad](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ViadrinaStudentsAbroad)

## Advice...

is available

- at our International Day each year in November. On this day our exchange students present their home universities in the foyer of the Gräfin-Dönhoff Building and we hold information events for students of all faculties.
- during our office hours (also during the semester breaks). During our office hours you do not need an appointment, just drop by to talk to us.

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# Information on studying abroad

EUROPA-UNIVERSITÄT VIADRINA FRANKFURT (ODER)



## Going abroad?

Are you a student of the European University Viadrina and want to spend some time abroad? Would you like to study in a different country, discover a new culture and improve your foreign language skills? Then come and talk to us. Together we will find a suitable university abroad for you.

## What will you get out of it?

An academically enriching experience in your field of study and a strengthening of your foreign language skills. It is a great possibility to develop your personality and to prove your independence, all of which leads to better chances in the labour market. You can make a foreign city your new home and find new friends who will stay with you for life.

## Planning...

your period abroad requires a lot of initiative from you, but it is definitely worth it! In order to get a place at your preferred university abroad, you should start planning about a year before you want to go abroad, and make sure to cover all aspects of your stay.

## The first steps to a period abroad...

begin about a year before your departure. You should bear in mind the following aspects:

- What do you want to achieve during your studies abroad? Do you have certain academic goals or is learning a new language or improving your existing language skills your top priority? How long do you want to study abroad? Do you have a favourite destination?
- Please be aware of the different academic focuses of our partner universities. Not every specialisation is offered at every university.
- Inform yourself about our partner universities by reading up on them on our website. In your application you can indicate up to 5 preferred host universities, which may also be in different countries.
- Think about how you are going to finance your stay abroad. Some grant programmes have very early application deadlines. On our website you can find some tips regarding funding.
- We require proof of your knowledge of the language of teaching in the respective country (which is not necessarily the national language). You can fulfil this requirement through an assessment at the Language Center (Sprachenzentrum) or by doing other tests (TOEFL, DELF etc.). Please allow sufficient time for this. Not every test is offered every week and some test results take longer to be announced.
- After your stay abroad has been approved by the European University Viadrina, we will invite you to our information events and prepare you for your application at the partner university.
- Things to do once your application has been approved by the partner university: apply for a leave of absence from Viadrina (if applicable), get health insurance for abroad, apply for a visa (if applicable), organise accommodation in your new city, get your passport (if applicable).

## The right timing...

of a period abroad is crucial for your studies. The application can only be submitted once a year, in December for a study abroad period in the following winter term or the summer term after next. When planning your stay abroad, remember that semester dates abroad are almost always different from Viadrina! After the applicants have been chosen, there will be an allocation of residual places that are still open.

### Bachelor students

We recommend going abroad during the 5th and/or 6th semester, and in any case not before the 4th semester. You have to apply one year in advance: i.e. students who started in the winter semester need to apply during their 3rd semester. Those who started in the summer semester apply during their 2nd or 4th semester.

### Master students

We recommend going abroad during the 3rd or 4th semester, and in any case not before the 2nd semester. You have to apply one year in advance: i.e. students who started in the winter semester need to apply straight away in the 1st semester. Those who start in the summer semester have to apply even before starting their studies at Viadrina.

### Law students

We recommend going abroad after your intermediate exam (Zwischenprüfung).

## Funding...

for your stay abroad is available from different sources:

- Under the Erasmus+ programme you will receive a mobility grant from us, the amount of which depends on the respective country (applicable for all partner universities within Europe as well as some universities in partner countries outside of Europe in the KA107 project).
- PROMOS grant for non-European countries
- Other organisations (e.g. Fulbright) or foundations
- German government grants for study courses abroad (Auslands-BAföG) or education loans (Bildungskredit)

More information on funding opportunities can be found on our website: [http://bit.ly/EUV\\_abroad\\_finance](http://bit.ly/EUV_abroad_finance)



## The recognition of courses completed abroad...

needs to be discussed with the relevant coordinators before your departure. Your study and exam regulations include minimum requirements regarding the credits to be gained abroad. The following coordinators can tell you which courses can in fact be recognised and in what form:

### Faculty of Law:

Katja Herzel

### Faculty of Economics:

Torsten Glase

### Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences (Bachelor):

Nicole Klück

**MES:** Dr. Kerstin Hinrichsen

**MASS:** PD Dr. Stephan Lanz

### Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences (Master):

the respective Course Coordinators