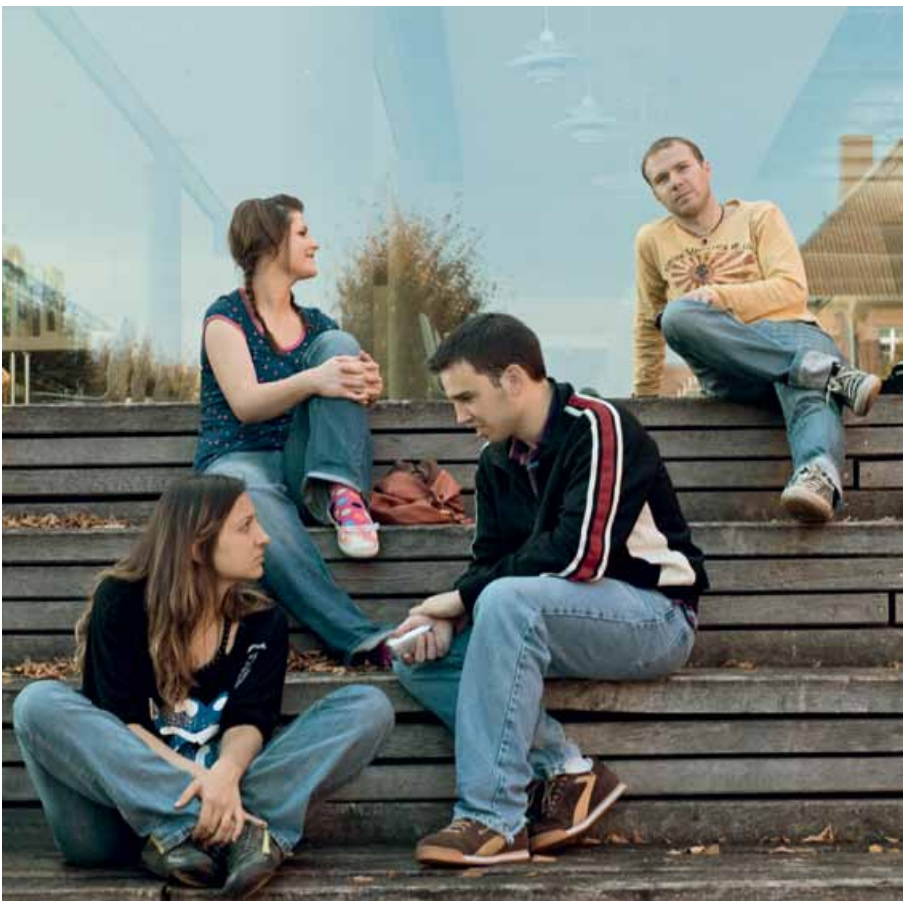




LEUPHANA
UNIVERSITY OF LÜNEBURG

Live the Life in Lüneburg

Guide to Studying Abroad



IMMERSE YOURSELF



There is only one way to truly experience Germany, and that is to immerse yourself in German culture and language. Choose to study at Leuphana University, come and live in Lüneburg, and take the opportunity to experience German culture, from the warm people and hearty food to the world famous festivals and fascinating history. Studying abroad provides a great opportunity to experience a new country as well as a fantastic way to further your education.

This brochure contains information that will assist you in preparing for your study abroad by helping you get to know Germany, Lüneburg, and Leuphana University. Should you have further questions, feel free to take advantage of the contact information printed on the back page.

AT A GLANCE

Faculties

Faculty of Business and Economics
Faculty of Cultural Sciences
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Sustainability

College Majors

Business Administration
Business Information Systems
Business Psychology
Cultural Studies
Economics
Environmental Sciences
Industrial Engineering
Law (Corporate and Business Law)
Political Science
Teacher Education for Primary, Lower Secondary and Intermediate Schools
Teacher Education for Vocational Schools

Graduate Programs

Arts and Sciences
 Culture, Arts and Media
 Public Economics, Law and Politics
 Sustainability Sciences
Education
 Educational Sciences
 Teacher Education for Primary and Secondary Schools
 Teacher Education for Intermediate Schools
 Teacher Education for Vocational Schools
Management and Entrepreneurship

Doctoral Programs

Academic Services

Academic Advising
Career Service
International Students and Scholars Advisory Center (International Office)
Language Center
Student Services (Admission, Registration, and Examinations)
Study Abroad (International Office)
University Library
Writing Center

WELCOME



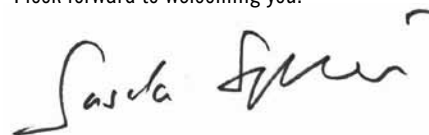
Allow me to begin by congratulating you on your decision to study abroad. Taking such a decision demonstrates your curiosity, an open mind, and, last but not least, a great deal of audacity. Wherever you decide to study – hopefully, here at Leuphana University – this experience will doubtlessly form an important building block of your personal development, in both an exciting and life-changing manner. This brochure aims to give you a taste of what actual life at Leuphana and in Lüneburg is like, and serves to provide an overview of the facilities and courses offered if you should decide to join us.

Leuphana University is one of Germany's young universities, established in 1946 as a teacher training college. Over the course of the past five years, Leuphana has driven a groundbreaking university reform: Determined to become a model for the future of German learning and research institutions, Leuphana has been awarded national honors for its outstanding profile and innovative development.

Today, there are about 6,000 students attending courses at our four faculties. Foreign students from 81 different countries are currently studying here. Lüneburg is the quintessential German student town, catering to all your needs in a lively, enjoyable, and affordable atmosphere.

Leuphana is a modern university, oriented toward the future. If you choose to study here, the cultural and educational benefits will extend far beyond your days on campus.

I look forward to welcoming you.



Sascha Spoun, President

'WILLKOMMEN' IN GERMANY



IN THE HEART OF EUROPE



German culture cannot be explained, it should be experienced. It is the source of some of the world's most distinguished creations of music, architecture, literature, and philosophy. German scholars and scientists have invented objects as influential as the letterpress, the automobile, and the mp3 audio compression.



Geography and Population To live in Germany is to live in the very heart of Europe. Neighboring no less than nine countries – Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Luxemburg, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Poland – Germany is the perfect home base for European adventures. A gateway from the East to the West, Germany is also an integral player in both the UN and NATO.

The 82 million people who call Germany their home make the country's population the largest in the European Union. Since reunification, Berlin is once again our capital and is, population-wise, by far our largest city, with 3.4 million residents. Second is Hamburg with 1.8 million, and third is Munich with just above 1 million. The rest of our population is dispersed among 100,000 culturally diverse cities, provincial towns, and villages.

Festivals If you are into festivities, Germany is the place for you. It is the type of country where every city, town, and village seems to have its own unique celebration. Whether it is a jazz round-up, opera, a rock gig, or a chamber music day, you are invited. Festivals such as the Oktoberfest in Munich (also celebrated in Lüneburg) and Cologne's ever popular Karneval have earned themselves a worldwide reputation as a must for all cultural explorers.

Arts and Culture For those interested in the more genteel side of German culture, there is a lifetime of museums, art houses, churches, statues, and cultural precincts to meander through, ponder, and picture. There are more than 170 museums in Berlin alone. Our cities and towns are often adorned with state-funded arts. And for the thespians, there is world class theater scene to be enjoyed throughout the country, from Munich to Wuppertal.

IN HISTORY



Ancient History It is nearly impossible to give a short overview of more than 1,000 years of German history. There are many traces of pre-historic life on German territory, and museums exhibit tools, bones, and artworks that were created more than 10,000 years ago – long before modern civilization evolved. Germany as a nation was founded in the 10th century as the “Holy Roman Empire of the German nation.” The German people developed from Germanic tribes like the Franks, Saxons, and Bavarians from the early Middle Ages until the late 19th century, and united in 1871 under Prussia's Prime Minister Bismarck.

20th Century The first half of the 20th century was marked by two catastrophic World Wars, the Nazi regime and the Holocaust. In 1945, Germany was divided by the Allies into four sectors, and two German states were the result. The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 marked the end of the Cold War and Germany was reunited in the following year. In the past decades, Germany has established itself as a modern industrialized state and a leading European democracy.

Historic consciousness is an integral part of German culture. History in its many facets permeates German everyday life, and it is visible everywhere – in Lüneburg, you can still find ruins of a medieval city wall, listen to the organ in St. Michael's church where Johann Sebastian Bach used to play more than 300 years ago, or take a walk near the hill where capitulation agreements were signed in 1945 to end the war in north-western Germany. Ancient houses and a historic harbor bring you back to the days when Lüneburg was the capital for the production and export of salt.

IN THE NORTH



germany – capital: berlin – territory: 357,092.90 km² – inhabitants: 81,802,300 – national holiday: oct 3rd – visitors expected at the munich oktoberfest this year: 6.5 million – years of construction for the cologne cathedral: 632 – total number of active soccer clubs: 27,000 – number of students currently enrolled at german universities: 1,974,932

The plains of the Lüneburg Heath are close to the North Sea and Baltic Sea, where trade among free cities flourished for centuries. These rich traditions, along with a modern festival scene, attract many culture-enthused visitors.

Hamburg Jump on the train at Lüneburg “Central” and in less than 30 minutes you will be immersed in Hamburg’s vibrant buzz. Known for its thriving music scene, Hamburg is one of Germany’s premier cities and also where lively young Lüneburgians get their dose of big city nightlife. With cult shops in the Schanze district, rustic bars in St Pauli, and internationally acclaimed clubs and discos to explore, the Hamburg nightlife packs enough “punch” to exhaust even the most committed socialite.

Find everything from a Cuban rhythm club to a grungy live music bar or chic upper-city cocktail lounge. The thriving alfresco scene keeps the streets alive, and cafés and restaurants are aplenty. Culturally, Hamburg has much to offer: 31 theatres, six music halls, ten cabarets and 60 state and private museums. The banks of the Elbe invite romantic afternoon walks. And the Alster, the river in the heart of the city, is the destination of choice for anyone in the mood for a leisurely day amongst shops and coffee houses.

The German Capital Berlin, one of Europe’s most exciting cities, is a two-hour train-ride away from Lüneburg. The city offers countless cultural treasures, an electrifying nightlife, and is characterized by an open, laid-back, and truly international atmosphere. Berlin is the type of place people go to for the weekend and then stay for the month.

IN THE REGION



distance in kilometers from lüneburg to amsterdam: 470 – berlin: 270 – brussels: 600 – hamburg: 60 – london: 930 – munich: 750 – paris: 900 – prague: 560 – rome: 1,360 – warsaw: 920 – vienna: 970 – zurich: 860.

cars available to students from campus car-sharing office: 23 – number of high-speed trains stopping daily at main station: 41 – number of bicycle shops: 8



A city of contrasts and contradictions, Berlin is blessed with numerous historic sites. Sightseeing attractions range from cultural landmarks such as the Brandenburg Gate or ruins of the Berlin Wall to modern architectural emblems such as Daniel Libeskind’s Jewish Museum, Mies van der Rohe’s New National Gallery or Norman Foster’s glass dome over the Reichstag. Every day of the year, world famous artists come to the city to give concerts, readings, and current plays.

Lübeck and the Baltic Sea The weekend is finally here, the sun is out: in Lübeck, the beaches are waiting. Barely an hour away from Lüneburg, students visit Lübeck’s district of Travemünde as the perfect beach city to unwind after exams and assignments, or to just take a time out from the familiar.

Lübeck is situated on the Trave River and has the largest German port at the Baltic Sea. The old part of town is actually an island in the Trave, perfect for an interesting day of exploring. Who knows, maybe you’ll discover some of the town’s world famous, delectable marzipan.

A member of the UNESCO’s list of World Heritage Sites, Lübeck’s unique architectural style is one of a kind and well worth inspection. Using the fast, efficient, and often very cheap public transportation system, you can explore all these places on your own – just hop on a train with friends or rent a car. Moreover, the International Office often organizes daytrips and weekend tours.

LÜNEBURG LIFE



IN TOWN



Experiencing the best that city living has to offer as well as the comforts and quirks of provincial university life – that’s what living in Lüneburg is about. A vibrant town of 73,000 inhabitants in the North East of Lower Saxony, Lüneburg is where open forests, green fields, and meandering rivers meet the welcoming hum of a student town.



Lüneburg is over 1,000 years old. Established as a salt mining community, it enjoyed great prosperity in its early years, supplying the whole Scandinavian and Baltic Sea states with its salt. Renowned for its opportunities and affluence, Lüneburg was the place to be for Germany’s most well-to-do – which is still evident in the well-preserved inner city.

Today, Lüneburg is essentially a university town. Our lavish 13th and 14th century churches, St John’s, St Michael’s, and St Nicolai, the beautiful baroque Main Square and the tranquil medieval monastery attract visitors from all around the world. Our innovative, young university is doing the same for students.

As a matter of fact, Lüneburg’s students play an active role in shaping city life. Many of our undergraduates join community work projects, assist in developing congresses, go to poetry readings or art exhibits, or even show their own productions at the local theater. The yearly “Lunatic Festival” is a student-organized music event, featuring a rocking mix of both famous and upcoming German and international bands. It attracts visitors not only from the Lüneburg region, but also from Hamburg and other cities.

Since all proceeds go to social projects, the Lunatic Festival has recently received distinguished honor: It was awarded the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation Prize for Campus Community Collaboration – an occasion President Carter used to personally visit and address Leuphana’s first-year students.

IN STYLE



lüneburg – first mention: 10th century – federal state: lower saxony – inhabitants: 72,163 – size: 70.34 km² – latitude: 53°15'N – longitude: 10°24'E – church organs: 7 – local brewhouses: 2 – average number of poetry readings annually: 65 – festivals scheduled for the year: 19 – year in which Lüneburg’s independent movie theater received the national award for best arthouse selection: 2011

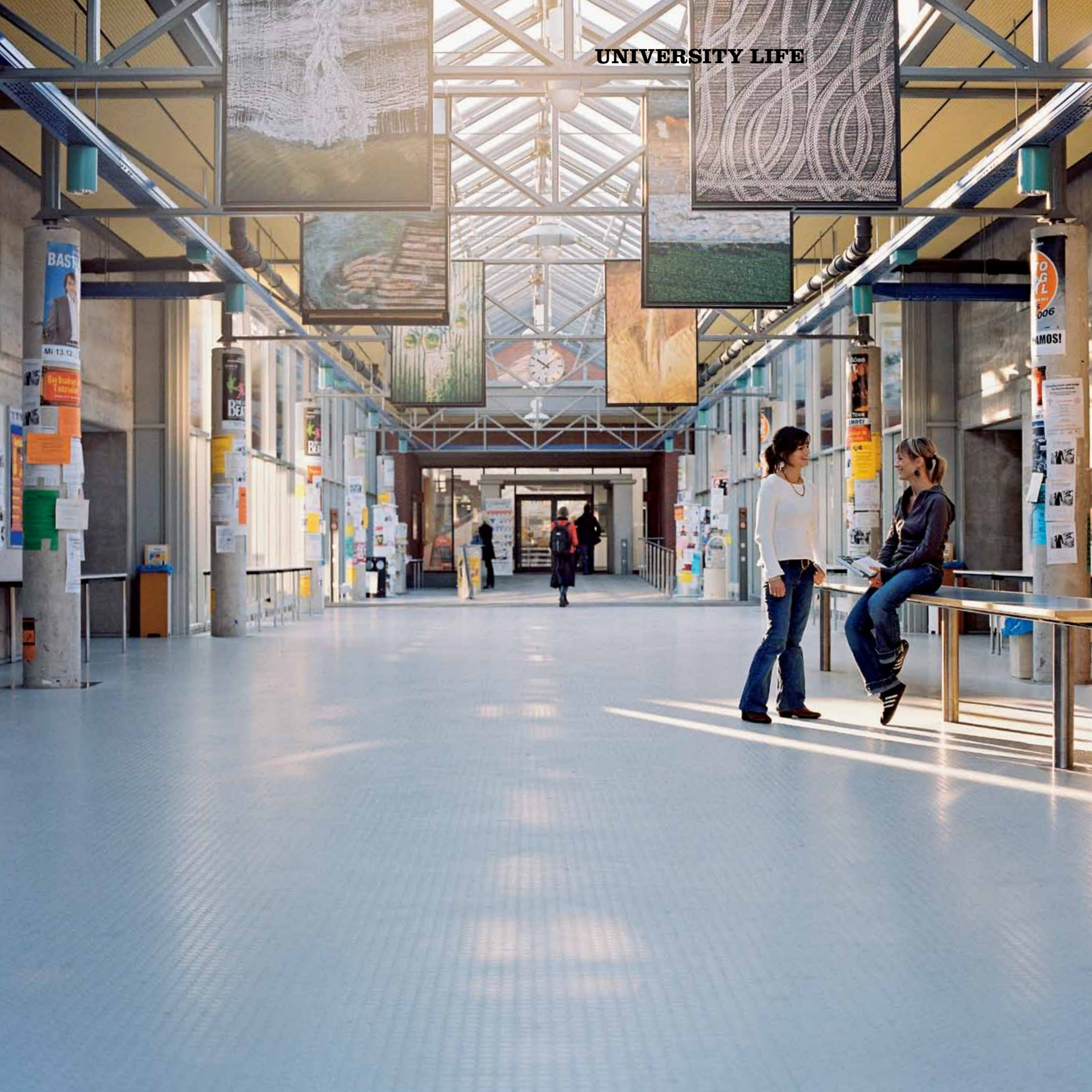


Lüneburg Day Life Living in Lüneburg means experiencing German “Gemütlichkeit”. Ride your bicycle through the ancient Old Town, where cobblestone streets, stamped with original town seals, wind their way through lines of extravagant cottages, tailored brickwork and indulgent North German Gothic architecture. Chill out in quaint cafés and gelato stalls, or spend quality time with new friends over a locally brewed beer at a riverside bar.

Shop the chic fashion houses or get fresh seasonal fruit from the picturesque Town Square market. Incidentally, Christmas time is when the Town Square is at its most spectacular: lights adorn the trees as snow falls lightly and settles on the plentiful stands. Most days, the streets of Lüneburg – especially in the pedestrian precinct with its shops, cafés, and restaurants – are abuzz. The outskirts, though, are open and quiet. You can explore trails as they trace their way through typical European forests, kayak the Ilmenau River or take a romantic walk for two in vast fields of green. Winter here is beautiful, too: quiet and enchanting.

Lüneburg Nightlife Wherever there are students, you are guaranteed to find a fantastic nightlife. And Lüneburg is no exception. The great variety of pubs, clubs, and live music venues are a testimony to that. Every night you can find something happening, from live gigs, concerts, and karaoke to cocktail nights and student parties. There is something for all species of night owls. Most of the action happens down by the river at “Stint” and in Schröderstrasse. But, after a while, you realize with so many venues so close together you’ll have a good time no matter where you go. In Lüneburg, it is easier to just follow the party to wherever it takes you. If big city clubs are your thing, remember the nightlife in Hamburg is only a short train ride away.

UNIVERSITY LIFE



IN MOTION



“Teaching at Leuphana University is exciting, and it inspires me. Brilliant students and highly committed staff contribute to a truly open-minded atmosphere that challenges inherited beliefs.”

Daniel Libeskind, B. Arch, M. A., architect and professor for architectural design at Leuphana University



Welcome to Leuphana University, the place that, if you choose to live in Lüneburg, will most likely be your home base. The place you'll study at, the place you'll meet friends, the place you'll turn to for everything, from accommodation to tours or even little things like collecting mail from home.

Founded as a teacher training college in 1946 and awarded university status in the late 1970's, the university started a new strategic alignment in 2006. Today, its facilities accommodate about 6,000 students on three campuses.

The buildings of the main campus on Scharnhorststrasse were used as army barracks until the early 1990's. The architecture of the 1930's has been opened up by modern, well-lit buildings accommodating the lecture auditoriums and the university library and by gardens and green biotope areas. A brick building from the German Empire stands at the center of the campus at Rotes Feld. It was used as a school building as early as at the beginning of the last century. Modernity and technology dominate the campus at Volgershall: it includes a hall stretching over 200 meters in length, which is used, among others, for automation engineering experiments.

At Leuphana University, we provide comprehensive undergraduate education by offering our unique Leuphana Bachelor's program as well as graduate programs with both a strong research focus in Arts and Sciences and a more practice-oriented focus in Management and Education. Leuphana University today consists of four faculties: Faculty of Business and Economics, Faculty of Cultural Sciences, Faculty of Education, and Faculty of Sustainability.

Close collaboration with regional businesses and the local community providing students with hands-on experience and our modern management style are the hallmarks for present and future development.

ON CAMPUS



leuphana – students enrolled in 2010: 6,982 – male to female ratio: 1:1.65 – undergraduate applications received: 10,600 – first-year students admitted: 1,744 – courses offered at gym each semester: 120 – distance to saline wellness center & spa: 1,200 m – on-campus residences: 4 – carbon dioxide balance: 1,295 tons (neutralized) – annual energy output of campus solar plant in kwh: ca. 6,500



Take a tour of our main campus and you will appreciate the attention to detail. Wander past our lecture halls and see how they are designed with an open and positive style of learning in mind. The glass walls give you the feeling of learning outside.

Next, walk through our university library, past the area where students and local artists display their work, and into the main room. Here, you'll find every resource you need: books, periodicals, databases, they are all here. If you cannot find what you need on-site, our librarians rely upon an extensive national network to find and deliver what you are looking for.

Now, stop off at Café 9, one of the cafés and eateries on campus. Each of them is a place to hang out between lectures, to meet friends for a coffee, or to grab a nice and inexpensive bite to eat.

Take a turn toward the computer labs, well equipped with a plentiful selection of Apple Macs and PC's. Scanners, image editing programs, and printing facilities make it easy to produce first-class assignments.

A quick stroll across the central lawn and you will find the university gym and other facilities, including the beach volleyball courts. From social uni-hoc, basketball, or table-tennis to martial arts or Tango, try the huge variety of fitness and activity classes offered. They are inexpensive, and there is much to choose from!

Conclude your tour by visiting the media lab and music halls. In the media lab, you can lease equipment from USB sticks or notebooks to digital projectors for seminar prep and presentation. The music halls are also available to everyone. Form a band or join the orchestra, choir, or big band. The rehearsal rooms are open!

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Business Administration imparts fundamental knowledge on economic issues from the business perspective. Students can specialize in accounting, taxation, controlling, logistics, marketing, finance, human resource management, e-business, start-up, or sustainable management.

Business Information Systems combine different ways of thinking. Taking joint core modules students can specialize in either information technology or business information technology. Information technology focuses on the theoretical bases; business information technology concentrates on the applied development and implementation of IT solutions for business and administration.

Business Psychology analyzes business issues from a psychological perspective: How can a company select the most appropriate applicant? How to create cars that can be easily operated? Which are the relevant criteria for consumers to buy a product? Students may set a focus on market, labor or human resource psychology.

Cultural Studies has a strong interdisciplinary and intercultural approach. It compares art productions, everyday cultures, mass phenomena, and ideologies of different countries and eras. Students can set their own focus by choosing from a wide range of subjects.

Economics applies the theories of Marx, Keynes, and Smith in the 21st century. Which factors determine human behavior? Are the costs of an action in balance with the benefit? Answers to these questions are important to all economic agents such as households and companies, but also political parties, politicians, bureaucracies, administrators, or families.

Environmental Sciences analyze the reasons for environmental problems in the context of economic and social human behavior. They work with models and statistics, but laboratory and fieldwork are also important. The balance between natural and social sciences guarantees a solid basis in order to develop solutions for preserving the natural resources.

Industrial Engineering offers two specializations based on joint core modules. Production engineering comprises the technologies and management of production systems. Automation engineering deals with automation, electrical and information technologies; students can choose from optical and sensor systems, measuring technology, or control and feedback control systems.

Law (Corporate and Business Law) has been a success since the study program was established in 1994 as the first one in Germany that combines law and business issues. Students gain competences in company, contract, obligation, labor, and tax law. The course of study is practice-oriented with an international focus, and key qualifications, such as business negotiations, are an integral part of the program.

Political Science provides a wide range of theoretical, methodological and empirical knowledge and skills of all subareas in the discipline. This will help students elaborate problems and issues related to political science, actively participate in developing, implementing and evaluating political strategies and measures in a scientifically founded manner as well as make known to the public contents related to politics and political science.

Teacher Education for Primary, Lower Secondary and Intermediate Schools has been a major component of the university from the very beginning. The teacher training programs consist of a joint undergraduate program, followed by the respective graduate programs. Students acquire knowledge not only in their teaching subjects, including didactics, but also in education and psychology.

Teacher Education for Vocational Schools consists of an undergraduate and graduate program. Students specialize in either social or business education. Social education focuses on scientific, social-didactical, and socio-political contents. Business education concentrates on career training in the areas of business and administration.

Each faculty is guided by highly respected professionals in the corresponding discipline, assuring you get the most up-to-date information and approaches in the classroom. You can find the current semester's course plan on our website.

AT COLLEGE

"I've come here today filled with gratitude, excitement, and admiration... [for] a new university that, in my opinion, will have an increasingly profound impact on the entire educational system in Germany and in all of Europe."

President Jimmy Carter, Nobel Peace laureate, at the inauguration of Leuphana College in St. Michael's church



The College as a place of undergraduate education is the heart of the university. Leuphana College stands for a holistic approach to educational philosophy committed to the ideas of humanism and sustainability. With the Leuphana Bachelor, we have implemented a unique type of undergraduate degree in Germany: From the first week on, students become integrated into both campus and city community. They experience intensive team work and genuine commitment as they become familiar with university life.

Undergraduate program Students of all majors jointly attend core courses during the first semester, the Leuphana Semester. The program is composed of lectures and seminars covering the topics of scientific methods and academic foundations, history and ethics of science, as well as civic engagement and social responsibility. The first semester concludes with a student-organized conference presenting course results in various formats.

As for the second semester, students choose a major and a minor field of study. The range of minors offers the possibility to acquire a second field of specialization. But real-world puzzles rarely come to an end at disciplinary borders, so we encourage creating connections between disciplines by providing a "Complementary Studies" program. Leuphana College provides six different perspectives in this field, among them foreign languages and cultural studies, philosophy and social sciences, art and art history, and natural sciences and technology.

GRADUATE SCHOOL AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS



“Leuphana is one of the most innovative universities in Germany. I particularly appreciate its interdisciplinary approach. For a philosopher, it is not only important to impart specialist knowledge, but also to help educate young people who combine their own ideas with a broad range of knowledge.”

Dr. Richard David Precht, philosopher and honorary professor of Leuphana University



Leuphana Graduate School offers a study model that is unique within the German academic landscape. In Lüneburg, the master's and doctoral programs can be easily combined with each other. Exceptionally qualified students are offered a fast track that will shorten the time it takes to earn a doctoral degree by up to one year. In addition to offering a competitive academic profile, the innovative master's programs provide high levels of interdisciplinarity.

Graduate Programs The programs of study offered at Leuphana Graduate School have been grouped into three superordinate master's programs: The Arts & Sciences master's program is marked by a strong focus on research, whereas students enrolled in the Management & Entrepreneurship master's program combine scientific expertise with practical experience in business. In the Education program research-based approaches applied in educational sciences are combined with practice-oriented teacher training.

Intensive advising by faculty lecturers and working in small groups allow an communicative exchange and an active learning community. In addition, as a master's student you will regularly come together with your fellow students in the Complementary Studies program, a distinguishing feature of Leuphana University of Lüneburg: cross-disciplinary courses give our students an opportunity to indulge in different disciplines and thereby develop interdisciplinary competence.

Doctoral Studies The semi-structured doctoral program at Leuphana University combines discipline-specific work with overarching interdisciplinary components. As a doctoral student you are thereby able to develop your own academic concentration while gaining an overview of your entire discipline.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER UNIVERSITY



If student exchange is not an option, you can also spend a summer on campus to improve your German and make new friends. Leuphana's language program, the International Summer University (ISU), helps you learn German in the minimum possible time.

The ISU offers a varied language and culture program that is an academically and culturally enriching experience and offers students the opportunity to widen their educational horizons. People from all over the world learn German or improve their German language skills. German language courses are available at different levels. The language course program is supplemented by a wide range of cultural and leisure activities such as lectures, film evenings, book presentations, excursions, and concerts aimed at giving students an insight into German culture and the German way of life.

German Language Courses All courses consist of twenty-five hours of instruction per week. They range from entry level for beginners to advanced German and preparation for the DSH (German language test for university entry).

Credits & Accommodation All ISU courses are eligible for the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), credits that can be transferred to your study portfolio either here in Lüneburg or at your home university. The university can arrange for accommodation in student housing for those who are interested.

Costs The ISU is an affordably priced alternative to programs offered by larger city universities. For a complete program outline including an up-to-date pricing guide, please visit our website at www.leuphana.de/isu.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LIFE



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Accommodation One of your concerns may be finding a place to live, but there is no need to worry. Our team at the Housing Office can have a fully-furnished room – blankets, pillows, sheets and all – waiting for you to arrive. We will send you the address weeks before your arrival, so you can plan with ease.

German Language Courses Leuphana University offers a three-week intensive German program before the semester begins. This gives you the opportunity to brush up on your German and be well prepared for your studies, or help you have the chance to start a new language in small groups with excellent teachers.

Orientation and Semester Program Deepen your knowledge of German culture and make some new friends in a variety of activities and excursions held before and throughout the semester. Start with local attractions, such as guided city tours or the Volkswagen “Autostadt” in Wolfsburg. Or visit Bremen’s popular Beck’s brewery. Then go south to explore Hanover, host of Expo 2000 or take a weekend trip to Berlin.

Buddy “Who” or “what” is my “Buddy” you might ask... Your Buddy is a fellow student who volunteered to help make you feel at home in your first couple of days here. Initially, your Buddy will take you from the airport or the train station to your room. Once you are ready, he or she will show you around Lüneburg and the university.

Credit Transfer Toward Your Degree at Home It goes without saying that any courses you complete at Leuphana earn you credits at your home university. We choose to apply the internationally accredited European Credit Transfer System (ECTS); we can, however, also convert your credits into the common US system.

SERVICES



Free Public Transportation Getting around in Lüneburg is easy once you have the university student ID card... because it is free. Lüneburg has a first-rate public transport system that will take you to all the teaching sites and to the most popular places around town.

The university student ID card also allows for free train travel from Lüneburg to Hamburg, Lübeck, Bremen and all over Lower Saxony – perfect for a night out or a day on the beach. Student ID cards are valid for six months (one semester). Foreign students pay a reduced price of about 200 euros per card.

Study in English You don’t need to speak German before you come to study at Leuphana University. Just take one of the German language classes for beginners and choose from our English-only full credit courses. You can find a list of the current courses offered in English on the homepage of the International Office.

Academic Tutors Before committing yourself to a course list that is too difficult or unmanageable, review your choices with our tutors in our academic tutorial held at the beginning of the semester. They will be happy to advise you on all your academic issues, including the transfer of credits toward your degree at home.

W-LAN Access Stay in touch with your friends at home and all over the world, research your presentation or seminar paper, update your blog or read news online using the free high-speed Internet connections available throughout the University campus.

Q&A: DEFINITE ANSWERS TO THE MOST COMMON QUESTIONS

Can I study in Lüneburg if I don't speak German? How will I make myself understood?

To start with, for students who only speak English we have beginners' courses taught in English. We do, however, encourage all of our non-German speaking international students to join our Intensive Learning program. It is designed to equip you with all the German you need for daily life. However, most Germans actually do speak English.

Is it possible to transfer my credits for classes I have taken in Lüneburg toward my degree at my home university?

Yes, for most universities and degrees it's not a problem – after all, your studies are what you came here for. Leuphana University applies the internationally accredited European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), but we can also convert your credits and grades into the common US system. If you want to make sure in advance that you will be able to transfer your credits, just have a look at our course plan and check with your home university's International Office. Once you are here, we will draft a formal document (Learning Agreement). This ensures that you will not encounter any bad surprises when you want to transfer your credits back home.

How much should I budget for studying and living in Lüneburg?

Living costs naturally depend heavily on your lifestyle, but the chart below will give you an idea of what to expect. There is no tuition fee, but we ask you to pay around 200 euros for the student ID card plus 50 euros for the Language and Orientation program (optional). Rent for on-campus and off-campus housing usually comes to between 250–300 euros per month.

Can I apply for any scholarships or financial aid?

Leuphana University has agreements concerning monthly scholarships available with overseas partner universities – please check with your International Office whether your university is taking part in this program. If you are from the European Union, you may be eligible for Erasmus funding. The third option is to check the website of the German Academic Exchange Service (www.daad.de) that lists scholarships available from various foundations and organizations and their requirements.

Am I legally allowed to work?

Students from the European Union are allowed to pursue any job they want. Students from outside the EU have the possibility to work 90 full days or 180 half days with their student visa. Jobs that are popular with international students are bar tending, selling organic food at the weekly market, and, depending on your German skills, doing translation jobs.

What are the possibilities for an internship?

German students are encouraged to do internships during the course of their studies, and most organizations, both profit and non-profit, offer placements to foreign students as well. So yes, your chances of finding an internship are good. You will find it an excellent way to put your theoretical studies into practice.

Approximate living expenses per month

Accommodation	250–300 EUR
Food (using the cafeteria Mon–Fri)	180–230 EUR
Medical insurance	80 EUR
Books, clothing, leisure (depending on the “life style“)	120–200 EUR

IN QUOTES



“... When I arrived here I couldn't speak any German at all. But the three-week German course got me started and now I speak Deutsch o.k., ja! Besides, you can always find someone who speaks English.”

Alvaro, 23, from Spain,
studying Environmental Sciences



“... Because my family is German I studied German culture back home. So I thought I knew what to expect. But Old Town Lüneburg really surprised me. Walking down those thin cobblestone streets is like something out of an old history book. You know, 600 year old buildings don't even exist at home ...”

Elizabeth, 26, from the United States,
studying German



“... So I thought studying in Germany would increase my chances for a good job, especially in the international market. ... This subject called International Business Negotiations is probably my favorite. We have to act as business partners from all different parts of the world who want to finish a deal. It's quite complicated but it's interesting to see how differently we all do business.”

Nicolas, 31, from Belgium,
studying Business



“... Why Leuphana? Leuphana is a university that pursues a completely different kind of concept. I think Leuphana and the City of Lüneburg complement each other perfectly to promote student life. Students here can enjoy both their studies and their student life.”

Karin, 21, from El Salvador,
studying Business Psychology

STEP BY STEP: YOUR GUIDE TO AN EASY APPLICATION PROCESS

If living the life here in Lüneburg sounds as though it offers you the international student experience you are looking for, this is how you can join us for the next semester:

Contact the International Office at your home university and consult them concerning study abroad regulations that might apply to you. Remember to check for any issues concerning credit transfers toward your degree at home.

Download our application forms from the Internet (www.leuphana.de/io), fill them out and have them signed by the designated staff from your International Office.

Download the respective application forms for accommodation. Note that you will have to transfer a deposit. But don't worry, it will be returned to you when you depart.

Fax or mail us your documents before the appropriate deadlines: July 15th for the winter semester and January 15th for the summer semester.

Relax and wait for us to send you the official welcome letter. It comes with an information package and should arrive within seven days of your application lodgement.

About three weeks before your arrival, you will receive the address of your new home in Lüneburg (that is, of course, if you choose our accommodation service). You will also receive more information on your semester program and arrival details, etc.

Live the Life in Lüneburg.



The train ride from Hamburg to Lüneburg takes 28 minutes – and students travel free with their Leuphana student ID card. The capital of Lower Saxony, Hanover, is a one-hour train ride away. Trains to Berlin leave every hour – it takes less than three hours to get there.

Connected to the A1, A7 and A39 highways, Lüneburg is also easily accessible by car. Hamburg Airport, with domestic and international flights, is a 60-minute drive away.

IN PERSPECTIVE



Choose to study at Leuphana University, and you can rest assured the experience will be with you for life – culturally, emotionally, and educationally. You will live in one of the most interesting and historically significant countries in Europe. You will laugh with new friends from around the globe in a unique setting. And not only will you learn from a modern, innovative university, but you will also learn from the amazing people and experiences you will encounter, and – most importantly – from yourself.

So if you have made up your mind to study abroad and would like to apply at Leuphana University – we certainly hope you do – please act quickly. Visit our website to download our application form online or contact our International Office staff directly by sending an email to international@uni.leuphana.de.

Choose to Live the Life in Lüneburg and you might just ...

- ... learn how to windsurf by the Baltic sea.
- ... find the thrilling topic for your graduate thesis.
- ... figure out how to make a perfect on-campus barbecue.
- ... suddenly find yourself speaking fluent German, jawohl!
- ... join the formal dance class to impress your date at the winter ball.
- ... be hit with a mind-boggling idea of what you want to do for a living.
- ... become hooked on playing "Kubb" during study breaks.
- ... shape up for the Hamburg dragon-boat race in our on-campus gym.
- ... find out that after all, language is only one way to communicate.

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