



Stiftung Mercator



The Global Classroom

– 21st century complementary studies program for
Leuphana Bachelor

Global sustainability challenges require global solutions. Yet most forms of action occur at the local level. Local level impacts propagate through our interconnected and interdependent world to the global level. Understanding local and global contexts, as well as their interconnectedness is thus critical to addressing sustainability challenges.

The Global Classroom being a collaboration of Leuphana University Lüneburg and Arizona State University and, funded by Stiftung Mercator, is an experiment that brings together students from different cultures in a collaborative, digitally enhanced transdisciplinary learning environment. Over the course of four semesters and six modules within the “Komplementärstudium” they will work in small teams under the supervision of prominent faculty members from both universities applying problem based and curiosity driven learning methods to real life issues in sustainability and science in culture. The curriculum emphasizes research from the beginning and, taking advantage of new media and publication venues, students will add to the knowledge base in their fields in form of peer-reviewed and edited publications, presentations and virtual exhibits.

Curriculum

The Global Classroom aims at bringing together motivated students from heterogeneous disciplines and engaging them to develop new competencies: Learning will revolve around five core competencies: systems, anticipatory, normative, and strategic thinking, as well as interpersonal skills.

The Global Classroom integrates perfectly into the Leuphana Bachelor programs and is open to any major. It is not an additional study offer, but rather an exceptional way to complete the entire mandatory complementary studies program. For their participation in the Global Classroom, Bachelor Students at Leuphana receive 30 CPs and can therefore complete all six modules of the complementary studies program within four semesters. Leuphana students can apply for 20 of the overall 40 places.

Learning and working together with students across the Atlantic requires a certain infrastructure that allows for a 21st century education. To ensure a continuous interchange between the two groups of the two universities, students get introduced to video conference software and learn how to use internet based working tools productively for their group work.



Admission requirements

If you like to apply for the Global Classroom project at Leuphana University Lüneburg, you need to fulfill the following requirements:

- You are Bachelor student of any major and studying in the 1st semester. Exceptionally, for this first Global Classroom cohort, 3rd semester Bachelor students are also welcomed to apply.
- Your English language skills are at least level C1.
- You can arrange for accommodation of a guest student for the two-week visit (hardship regulations apply).
- You can contribute 150 EUR to your own travel expenses (hardship regulations apply).
- You can commit yourself to participate in the entire program; under these conditions travel costs will be covered.

Application and Timelines

If you want to apply please send the following documents until November 15, 2012 to globalclassroom@leuphana.de as one pdf-file with maximum size of 5 MB.

- CV (max. 2 pages)
- Letter of motivation (1 page)
- Copy of English certificate (recognized are common international English language certificates and the language assessment of the Leuphana language center)

Once you have submitted all your documents your application will be carefully reviewed. Potentially, individual applicants may be invited for interviews. More information about your English certificates and levels are available at the Leuphana language center: www.leuphana.de/services/fsz/sprachenniveaus/englisch/einstufungstest.html