



FUBiS and FU-BEST

An Introduction to Short-Term Study Programs
at Freie Universität Berlin

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FUBiS at a glance

- **Intensive, academic program; sessions run in 3 terms in summer and winter**

Term I (winter): early January – late January (3 weeks)

Term II (summer): late May – mid-July (6 weeks)

Term III (summer): mid-July – mid-August (4 weeks)

- **Founded in 1998**
- **Largest multi-disciplinary summer and winter university in Germany**
- **2013 in numbers:**
 - About 500 students
 - About 45 nationalities
 - More than 60 courses



FU-BEST at a glance

- **Intensive, academic program in 2 semesters of 15 weeks each**
(Fall: August – December, Spring: January – April)
- **Founded in 2005**
- **Largest semester-based study abroad program for North American students in Germany**
- **About 100-150 participants per semester**
- **95 % of participants come from U.S. universities and colleges**



FUBiS: Courses

- German language courses at five different levels of proficiency, Intensive (5 days/week) *or* Semi-intensive (3 days/week, 4 in winter)
- Subject courses in various fields, mostly taught in English
- NEW: subject course taught in Spanish

FU-BEST: Courses

- Mandatory German language instruction
- Intensive classes (4 days/week, 2 levels/semester) at seven levels of proficiency *or* Beginning Experiential German (2 days/week)
- Subject courses in various fields, mostly taught in English



FUBiS and FU-BEST: Subjects and Structures

Subject course disciplines include

History	Political Science / European Studies
Philosophy	Film and Media Studies
Sociology	Environmental Studies
Music (History)	Art History and Architecture
Business	Legal Studies
Religion / Culture	German Literature and Culture
STEM	

Maximum Class Sizes

German as foreign language: **15** students

Subject courses: **18** (FUBiS) / **20** (FU-BEST) students



FUBiS and FU-BEST: Extended classroom

- Programs use Berlin as an academic historical, cultural, and political resource
- Excursions within Berlin are an integral part of all subject and German language courses, e.g.:
 - Museums
 - Memorials
 - Historical buildings and sites
 - Political and cultural institutions
 - Exhibitions
 - Exclusive round-table discussions, tours and lectures



FUBiS: Cultural Program

- Optional excursions to other German cities or within Berlin (e.g. Wall tour)
- Boat trip (summer) or Karaoke (winter)
- German movie-time



FU-BEST: Cultural Program

- Students receive a semester-long pass for all State Museums in Berlin
- Three events from a choice of classical concerts, opera/ballet, and soccer
- One week-long excursion per semester to European destinations
- German Stammtisch

FUBiS and FU-BEST: Quality Assurance

- Annual course review by Academic Board, composed of five tenured Freie Universität Berlin professors from various disciplines, chaired by the Vice-President for International Affairs
- Teaching Standards of Freie Universität and ECTS Credits
- Transparent Academic Regulations / Code of Conduct
- Carefully selected and thoroughly screened instructors
- Written anonymous student evaluations at the end of each semester
- Successful Completion of the *Forum on Education Abroad's* QUIP (Quality Improvement Program) in 2010 (FUBiS) and 2011 (FU-BEST)

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FUBiS: Fees

Fees & Tuition	Term I	Term II	Term III
<i>Program Fee</i>	200 €	250 €	250 €
<i>Semi-Intensive German Language Class</i>	900 €	1,350 €	900 €
<i>Intensive German Language Class</i>	n.a.	2,025 €	1,350 €
<i>Subject Class</i>	900 €	1,350 €	900 €

Program Fee includes:

- Freie Universität Berlin enrolment fee and Student ID
- Welcome & Farewell / Orientation
- 2-3 sightseeing and cultural events within Berlin
- Official Freie Universität Berlin transcript

FU-BEST: Fees

- Application Fee: 50 €
- Tuition: 3,300 € (German language and 2-4 subject courses)
- Program Fee: 3,800 €
or 3,900 € (depending on housing option)

Includes:

- Housing
- Freie Universität Berlin enrolment fee and Student ID
- Orientation Days
- Public transportation pass
- Cultural program (such as week-long program excursion and local field trips)
- Semester pass for all State Museums
- Books/readers
- Official Freie Universität Berlin transcript



Thank you for your attention!

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