“Approaching the European Union”
Study EUrope in the heart of EUrope
European Studies Program Munich – Brussels
January 14th - February 7th, 2019

We are pleased to welcome students from Australian Universities to the Munich International Summer University (MISU) in Germany.

The European Studies Program takes place under the patronage of the Center for Applied Policy Research (CAP) and the Chair of Political Systems and European Integration at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich) in collaboration with the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) and previously with the Institute for European Studies of the Free University Brussels (VUB).

The European Union is the most prominent example on how regional integration works. For 28 countries, supranational and intergovernmental policy-making determines not only their political and economic systems; the global challenges of the 21st century illustrate the limitations of power of individual governments, thus requiring common approaches. Consequently, integration is also considered to be important for European security policy and Europe’s role in global affairs.

At the same time, however, disagreement on how to deal with crises in Europe’s eastern and southern neighborhood, on the handling of refugee flows from the Middle East as well as the still looming sovereign debt crisis seem to show the limits of European strategic consensus and solidarity. Time and again, national particularities appear at odds with the common interests. Domestically, public opinion has become less favorable with regard to European cooperation than it had been in the past, with the United Kingdom having decided to exit the Union. Internationally, the EU is triggered to reconsider its global role given the current US administration’s isolationist tendencies.

Against this background, the summer academy analyses the EU’s handling of its different recent crises and discusses the prospects and challenges for finding a new rationale for European Integration. It thereby relates to the broader debates on the future of Europe and recent academic accounts analyzing the likeliness of ‘disintegration’.

The Munich International Summer University is based on an interdisciplinary approach. It combines different methodologies such as lectures, round-table discussions, group-work and students' presentations along with excursions to meet professionals.

In addition to the academy, we encourage you to engage in the vibrant international student life of LMU Munich during the summer of 2019.

Kai Wede
MISU Programme Director
Academic Hosts

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Werner Weidenfeld,
LMU Munich, Head of CAP

The Center for Applied Policy Research (CAP) at LMU Munich was founded in 1995 in order to bring together the privately funded, practice-oriented research work attached to the professorship held by Prof. Werner Weidenfeld. Today, the Center is the largest university policy research institute on European and international questions in Germany.

Prof. Dr. Klaus Goetz,
LMU Munich, Chair of Political Systems and European Integration

One core interest of the Chair is the process of Europeanization of the political system of Germany and the role of Germany within Europe. Another focus relates to integration and migration in the European states as well as the relationship of politics, state and religion in Europe. Finally, neo-institutional perspectives on parliaments are part of the research.

Research Group Berlin

The research group “Global Governance” at the Berlin Social Science Center (WZB) focuses on how the increasing authority of international institutions imply problems of legitimation. International institutions are hereby entrapped: one the one hand they are supposed to solve global problems which are often overwhelming these institutions; on the other hand, international institutions are insufficiently legitimized to indeed fulfill their responsibilities according to their mandates. The research group analyses this development in three clusters: Political Authority in Global Governance, Normative Tensions and Coordination Conflicts in Global Governance, and lastly Politicization and Challengers of Global Governance.

Research Group Munich

The wide range of courses offered at the LMU Munich allow, in addition to specialization modules on political theory and political systems, specialization in International Relations and European Integration. The teaching units at the LMU offer regular seminars, which illuminate the European Union from the different perspectives of the political science disciplines. Especially important and characteristic for the group is the combination of research on both institutional processes and developments in policies like energy or research and development, justice and home affairs, foreign policy or transatlantic relations. Furthermore, the members of the Research Group have published extensively in well-rated science journals on questions of European Union politics and released landmark books on European Integration.

Research Group Brussels

The Brussels research group focuses on the EU in an international context. It analyses EU institutions, policies and law from a comparative perspective and also within the context of international law and politics. The research focus rests on the role of the EU as a global actor and the interaction between the internal and external dimensions of EU policies. The Brussels research group also addresses the inter-relationship between the EU and international institutions and organizations. Research principally embraces a wide range of European studies and aims to involve multiple disciplines, including law, economics, social science and political science. The research interests cover migration and diversity, international security and European economic governance.
Coordinator & Lecturer Munich

Stefan Jagdhuber
Research Fellow, Chair of International Relations, LMU

Stefan Jagdhuber is a Research Fellow at the Chair of International Relations at the LMU Munich. His research focus is on theories of International Relations and European Integration that he uses to analyze the EU’s performance on the international scene as well as the integration trajectory of policies belonging to the EU’s Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. He is the academic coordinator of the European Studies Programs of the Munich International Summer University. Stefan Jagdhuber holds a MA in political science and studied in Munich and attended several academic workshops and conferences in the United Kingdom, the USA, Italy and Belgium.

Academic Information

Target Group

Students with different academic backgrounds and a general interest in European integration will benefit from each other in an intercultural and interdisciplinary learning process. Former classes consisted of regular students of political science, law, communications studies, intercultural communication and related disciplines as well as practitioners such as civil servants, communication experts even young politicians.

The course does require a general knowledge about European politics, law, history or culture. Participants should be very interested in the field of European policy and culture. In class participation, especially in the discussions with experts, is essential for the course success and plays an important role in grading.

Lectures, presentations and examinations will be held in English. Knowledge of German is not required.
Schedule

The current schedule can also be found as a download on the program website.

http://www.australia-misu.de

Arrival in Berlin: 13 January 2019
Academic Program: 14 January – 7 February 2019
Stay in Munich: 21 – 31 January
Stay in Brussels: 1 – 8 February
Departure from Brussels: 8 February

Course Contact Hours: 60 class hours to be worth up to 6 ECTS credits*
Class Time: Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
+ Extracurricular Activities

Class Location:

Berlin: Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)
          Reichpietschufer 50
Munich: Carl-Duisberg Centren
          Pfänderstraße 6-10
Brussels: Institute for European Studies (IES)
          Boulevard de la Plaine 5

ECTS - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a standard for comparing the study attainment and performance of students of higher education across the European Union

Literature

All participants receive introduction literature by email in advance. During class individual literature will be handed out. The literature list can also be found as a download on the program website. For a general introduction to the European Union we recommend the following volumes that comprise short chapters on the history, the Member States, Institutions and policies of the European Union.


Grading Scale

Grades are defined from the Academic Board of the LMU in Munich according to its general grading system. The LMU differentiates 6 levels (from 1 to 6), which cover everything from introductory course work to original research. This course is offered for students having successfully completed level 1 or 2.
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<td>Very advanced scientific course; latest scientific developments included; examinations consist of a contribution to an unsolved problem with an oral presentation; Master’s or PhD level course</td>
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**European Credit Transfer system (ECTS) and ECTS Credits**

The ECTS was developed in order to provide common procedures that may guarantee academic recognition for studies abroad. ECTS credits are based on the workload students need in order to achieve expected learning outcomes. The ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) is a standard for comparing the academic level and performance of students in Higher Education across the European Union.

Students will be awarded 1 ECTS credit for 30 hours of work, including attending classes, self-study, examinations and essays. The following chart provides grading information:

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The Academic Board of the MISU defines the requirements and contact hours (1 contact hour comprises 45 minutes) for successful completion of the courses as follows:

- Regular class attendance (maximum allowance of 4 hours missed classes)
- Self-study and homework assignments
- Preparation for and active participation in seminars
- Short presentation in class on a subject-related topic
- Essay sent by email; deadline is March 31, 2019, required essay length for the European Studies Program: 3500 words
Grading Procedure

The three grading sections in the program are broken down as follows:

**European Studies**  
Contact Hours: 60  
ECTS Credits: 6  
- Essay (3500 words) = 55 %  
- Presentation = 25 %  
- Active participation in class = 20 %

**German Class**  
Contact Hours: 30  
ECTS Credits: 3  
- Final test = 40 %  
- Group work = 35 %  
- Active participation in class = 25 %

**Transcripts**

Every student will receive an official transcript after the successful completion of all program requirements. The transcript will show the course name and contact hours, the number of acquired credits as well as the achieved grades.

**General Information**

**Arrival in Berlin:**  
Pick-up from the airport by program staff.

**Transfer to Munich:**  
Transfer organized by train.

**Transfer to Brussels:**  
Transfer organized by train.

**Departure from Brussels:**  
Students are responsible for making their own departure arrangements from Brussels.  
If required program can offer assistance to buy tickets back to Munich.

**Housing**

Students are accommodated in double rooms. All housing facilities are located close to the city center and to public transportation stations. Frequently operating buses and subways provide a fast connection to the class rooms.

Please note: Students will travel in Europe by train and bus and are responsible for carrying their own luggage.

**Subway, Bus, Tram**

Students may use public transportation during their stay. We recommend every student to purchase a public transport ticket on the day of arrival.

**Board**

During your stay, you will be responsible for providing your own meals. Lunch can be purchased for € 5-7 in most locations around the city.
VISA

Australian students do not need a visa for Europe if their stay does not exceed 90 days in Schengen countries.

Students of other nationalities will receive an invitation letter from the MISU program only after they successfully complete and submit the program application and pay of the program fees in full amount. This letter entitles the student to apply for a German visa (Tourist Schengen Visa) for the duration of the program if necessary.

Health Insurance

The program does not require health or accident insurance.

During your stay in Europe and for visa application purposes, however you may need or wish to purchase German-approved health insurance. If you wish, the MISU program recommends the following insurance:

Klemmer Assekuranz, Anton-Höfter-Str. 4, 83646 Bad Tölz

www.klemmer-gruppe.com
info@klemmer-gruppe.com

You can get the insurance at your own cost (approximately 35 € for 1 month). It is valid Europe-wide.

Registration

In the interest of maintaining the program’s high standards, the number of participants is limited to 18. Application is based on a first come first served basis. Only with the advance or full payment are you securing your place in the program.

- Final registration deadline/payment of registration fee: October 1, 2018
- Final tuition- and housing fee deadline: November 30, 2018

For participation each student has to provide a CV and a personal statement of no more than one typed page in English explaining why they wish to participate in the program. During the online registration process, you will be asked to upload your documents as PDF-files.

Online Registration: https://application.iucm.de/Form/aus_registration

Tuition includes the following:

- participation in class (Berlin/Munich/Brussels)
- course reading materials
- participation in all excursions (city tours Berlin/Munich/Brussels, city Salzburg, opera tickets)
- airport transfers to hostel in Berlin
- transfer train ticket to Munich
- transfer train ticket to Brussels
- accommodation in double rooms in Berlin/Munich/Brussels
- internet access
- library access
- tutors, 24h emergency hotline
Tuition and Housing Fee

€ 200,00 Registration fee
€ 1,600,00 Tuition European Studies Program
€ 310,00 Housing fee Berlin
€ 400,00 Housing fee Munich
€ 310,00 Housing fee Brussels

Payment may be made by bank transfer only. Credit cards or Cheques are not accepted.

Tuition Waiver

Please contact the international office of your home university in Australia and ask whether a LMU waiver is available.