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**SHORT RESIDENTIAL UNITS OVERSEAS – WINTER VACATION 2011 PROGRAMS**

**University of Duisburg Essen**  
**Intermediate and Advanced German Language Program**  
**July 5<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Macquarie application deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup> 2011**

**Overview**

The University of Duisburg-Essen is situated in the German federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia and was founded in 2003 as a merger of the Gerhard Mercator University of Duisburg and the University of Essen, both of which were established in 1972.

With its 12 faculties and more than 30.000 students, the University of Duisburg-Essen ranks among the 10 largest German universities. Many international students study at the University of Duisburg-Essen and give the cities of Duisburg and Essen an international atmosphere.

This program has been specifically developed for Macquarie students studying intermediate and advanced level German and consists of intensive German language lessons, as well as cultural activities and immersion. Students will find the program highly beneficial for their language skills.

**Program description**

The aim of this German language course is improving general language skills, grammatical and idiomatic structures and the vocabulary. Main points are German culture, living and communication exercises. The course will consist of 65 German language lessons plus a cultural program to help students get into the atmosphere of being in Germany.

**Examples of Subject topics for lessons**

- Grammar
- Listening comprehension
- Reading comprehension
- Vocabulary
- Text production
- Pronunciation
- Communication

The emphasis will be on acquiring communication skills. In addition (about twice a week in the afternoons), classes can be devised to support the interactive competence of the participants. With this instructional approach it is the student who will decide on the topics to be discussed.

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### **Cultural Components**

A suite of cultural activities will be included in the course.

### **Student Profile**

The course is open to students who are studying intermediate or advanced German level at Macquarie University.

### **Student Numbers**

Priority will be given to those students who are currently enrolled in degree and diploma of languages programs in the field of German studies. A minimum of 10 students is required to offer the program; University Duisburg-Essen may cancel the course if the number of participants is insufficient.

### **Outcome**

- Advancement of German language skills
- Language immersion in Germany
- Cultural appreciation of Germany
- Acquirement of credit points towards a Macquarie award program

### **Timing and Duration of Program**

The program will run for 3 weeks, beginning on July 5<sup>th</sup> and finishing on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Students must be present for the entirety of the course, including the whole of the first and last days.

### **Assignment and Assessment**

Attendance at all classes is mandatory. Students will be presented with a Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

### **Credit**

Students participating in the course will be enrolled in either **GMN 299** or **GMN362** depending on their language level. All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) are payable to Macquarie for the enrolment. The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee listed below.

The results will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided you pass, will not affect your

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GPA.

Please contact Carolina Rodriguez for further information regarding the enrolment process.

### **Selection Criteria**

- Students must be enrolled in a relevant Macquarie University degree award program at the time of application and also at the time of travel
- Students must have a satisfactory level of academic achievement with a Macquarie University GPA of 2.5 or higher. In exceptional circumstances, students with a GPA of 2.0 - 2.5 may be considered for short term programs only on the advice of the Head of The Department of International Studies. Students should in the first instance contact Carolina Rodriguez [carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au](mailto:carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au) to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Priority will be given to students that are currently enrolled in a degree with a language major at Macquarie University
- Students' eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy. [http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student\\_exchange](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student_exchange)
- Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement
- Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages only are not eligible for travel grants
- Students enrolled in non award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs

*Language students in their first year may participate in an in-country unit without having fulfilled the 18cp requirement on the following conditions:*

- They are enrolled in a Bachelor degree program at Macquarie
- They are enrolled in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 units for their chosen language
- They obtain a recommendation from the Department of International Studies
- The short program in which they are participating is one that has been specifically designed for students going between 1st and 2nd semester language units
- The program offered is specifically established for a group of students who do not comply with the regular policy. If this is the case, it will be made clear in the documentation about the program

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### **Travel Grant**

Eligible students participating on the course at Essen University will receive a Macquarie travel grant of **\$2,000**. Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages are not eligible for travel grants. These grants will be paid directly into students' Australian bank accounts, provided they attend all compulsory information sessions and complete all required application and other documentation by the deadlines stated on those documents. Grants should be available late June.

### **OS – Help**

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced the provision of loans to assist Australian students undertake some of their study towards their undergraduate degree overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP.

See further information on this link

[http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted\\_exchange](http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange)

### **Accommodation**

Participants will be accommodated in a single bedroom at Bildungs hotel Essen about 10 minutes walk from University (double bedrooms are not available). Meals are not provided (accommodation only). During the week (Monday to Friday) students will be able to buy lunch at the Mensa (canteen) and snacks in the cafeteria of the University at discounted prices.

Rooms are available from **July 4 at 10:00a.m. to July 28 at 10:00 a.m.**

The accommodation will include private bathroom with a shower and a toilet, TV, refrigerator, bed linen, a pillow and two towels will be provided. A cafeteria is located in the hostel; washing machine and tumble dryer are available as well as access to kitchen facilities.

### **Cost**

The Logistics Fee expected for this program is **850 AUD**.

This fee includes:

- Accommodation for the duration of the program in a single room
- Teaching material
- Entrance and guide fees for the offered excursions
- Free internet access at the university
- Free use of the University library
- Germany Lonely Planet Guide

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All students accepted into the program must pay the logistic fee by **May 28<sup>th</sup> 2011**. Further information on the logistic fees payment process will be sent by email to successful candidates

Note: For cancellations made after **June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011** no fees are refundable.

### **Additional costs**

Students should expect to also pay the following amounts:

1. **\$110** Macquarie short term term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs>
2. Tuition fee for GMN 299 or GMN 362 Residential short-term program unit at Macquarie
3. Airfare: \$2500-3000 (depending on time of booking)

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### **How to Pay Relevant Fees**

Application Fees (110 AUD) can be paid in two ways:

#### **In person**

EFTPOS and Credit Card payments can be made, in person, at the MiShop on Level 1 of building E3A. Please note that except in exceptional circumstances, it is not possible to make cash payments.

#### **Online**

Go to <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop>

Select "Events for Exchange students" on the left-hand menu. Then, select the International Exchange Program Application Fee and add it to your cart to pay online.

Further application on the logistic fees payment process will be sent by email to successful candidates.

### **How to Apply**

The application form is online at:

<https://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/>

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Student Exchange")
- Your personal details
- Your passport details

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- Emergency contact details
- Your current study details
- Your university preferences and the units you hope to study at those universities
- A supporting statement, i.e., why do you want to go on exchange and what qualities do you think you have that will make you a good choice for the exchange program?
- Contact details for two referees

Remember to click the 'Submit' button to submit your application.

It should take around 20 – 30 minutes to complete the application. You can log out and log back in to finish it at a later date if necessary, but please remember to submit it by the deadline.

### **Evaluation**

Students will be required to complete an online evaluation for Macquarie International before grades from Berlin can be transferred back to Macquarie. Students may also be required to undertake evaluations from Berlin.

### **Deadline**

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by the **1<sup>st</sup> April 2011**.

### **Notes for International Students**

International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions for class attendance and pass rates whilst overseas – general requirements for international students, as dictated by the ESOS Act, must still be met.

For more information please visit

[http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third\\_country\\_exchanges.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm)

International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program.

### **Further Information**

#### **Students should direct initial enquiries to:**

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