Five reasons to study at Fulda University

1. A practice-oriented education at a university with a strong focus on applied research and an international profile.
2. Strong university links to business and industry and excellent job opportunities for our graduates on the German and the global labour market.
3. A good quality education, funded by the state. For you, that means no tuition fees.
4. Excellent support services for international students such as housing, preparatory courses for applicants and the university’s careers service for graduates.
5. Fulda’s outstanding location in the heart of Germany and the centre of Europe: Fulda is only 50 minutes from Frankfurt, 3 hours from Berlin and 5 hours from Paris.

The University

Fulda University of Applied Sciences is a practice-oriented university with an international focus. Founded in 1974, the University encompasses at present:

- eight academic departments
- around 50 study programmes
- 170 professors and 125 academic and research staff, 250 administrative support staff
- 8,000 students (1,300 enrolled in Social Work)
- 1,100 international students, i.e. 14%

The University offers a broad spectrum of academic and professional education with a special focus on health, nutrition and food. Numerous research and development projects are undertaken in cooperation with private business and industry. Fulda University has some 100 partner universities around the world. The number of international students is growing rapidly, especially in international Master’s programmes such as Intercultural Communication and European Studies, Global Software Development, International Food Business and Consumer Studies or International Management. These programmes are partly or entirely taught in English.

Fulda enjoys excellent transport connections. One of Europe’s main international airports, Frankfurt Rhein-Main, is just an hour away by car or train. Other major cities in Germany, such as Berlin, Cologne, Hamburg and Munich, are within easy reach and no more than three hours away by train.

The City of Fulda

A historic city founded in 744, Fulda has a population of 65,000. Fulda’s Baroque Quarter is one of the most beautiful in Germany and attracts visitors from all over the world. The picturesque Old Town has many cafés and pubs, with interesting shops and boutiques. The city’s cultural life has something for everyone. The high quality of life makes Fulda a great place to live and an ideal place to study.

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Course content

The International Course in Social Work is designed for international and German students enrolled in a BA programme in Social Work or comparable BA programmes. The course is especially tailored to students who do not (yet) speak German. The language of instruction is English.

For details on the course (e.g. module descriptions) see www.hs-fulda.de/internationalcourse

The programme comprises 3 modules with a total workload of 30 ECTS credit points:

A Social Work in an Intercultural Context and Fundamentals of Intercultural Competence consists of three units (15 credit points):
- Understanding the policy, politics, and structure of Europe and the EU
- Subject specific aspects of social inequality and social work
- Intercultural skills

B Internship, Good Practice and Project Work (10 credit points):
- Students will be given internships in institutions that deal with social work in an intercultural context. International students are assisted by native German-speaking students from Fulda.
- Visits to social work institutions; for students to become familiar with good practice
- Project work: facilitating and supporting sustainable development in social work; small scale research projects on ethnic minorities, social inequality, unemployment, or gender

C German as a Foreign Language (5 credit points):
- German as a Foreign Language is a supplementary module available to students without a basic knowledge of German.
- Optional field trips to Berlin and Weimar are available to students to enable them to gain insights into German history and social institutions. (Cost: approx €270)

Forms of assessment
- Oral and written examinations

Degree
- Certificate (not a university degree)

Programme start: Early September
Programme end: Mid-December
Programme duration: 3.5 months

Credit points: 30 credits (1 credit = 30 working hours, i.e. contact hours and individual work)

Language of instruction: English

Application deadline: 1 June

Admission requirements

• Course and project work will be conducted in English.
• The internship is supported by an English-speaking advisor but students need to be aware that German is the usual language of communication among the children or young people at most of the internship institutions (e.g. pre-school, youth centre).
• Students should have completed their first year (or first block of studies) in a BA programme in Social Work or a comparable programme.

Additional information

Special services
- Orientation Week prior to the start of the course, including a pick-up service at Fulda train station
- Accommodation service for all students from abroad; the cost of accommodation varies between €200 and €340 per month. For more information see: www.hs-fulda.de/io
- Academic and non-academic guidance and counselling, as well as assistance with administrative matters
- Intercultural training

Tuition fees

The course is free of charge for exchange students from partner universities of Fulda University of Applied Sciences and from universities which would like to enter into a mutual exchange partnership with Fulda University. Students from other universities should contact the International Office for information about fees.

Enrolment fees

All exchange students are required to pay an enrolment fee of approx €300, which includes a Semester Ticket for public transport in and around Fulda.

Cost of living
€700–800 per month, including rent, health insurance (€80 per month), depending on individual living standards