

The Hessen International Summer University (ISU) at Marburg is a summer study program which offers seminars on current European and German political, economic and cultural topics, German language courses, credits (ECTS points), as well as an extensive cultural and excursion program. The Hessen International Summer Universities (ISUs) are a joint project of Hessen's universities and universities of applied sciences and are supported by the Hessen State Ministry of Higher Education, Research and the Arts.

Thematically the ISU at Marburg is concerned with the role of Germany within Europe and the European Union. Every year the seminars highlight another facet of this general topic. In 2006 the issue under discussion will be: ***Europe and its global neighbours – the role of culture, economics and politics in a Single World.***

A special feature of Marburg's ISU is that you can choose whether you want to attend seminars with German or English as language of instruction. This makes our ISU truly international: It attracts people not only from English-speaking countries but from Eastern Europe as well who are more fluent in German than in English. As all these diverse participants, students and lecturers alike, contribute their point of view on European themes, interest and knowledge are being brought together in a unique manner.

### Target Group

Our courses are designed to be mastered by advanced undergraduate students. They are, however, also interesting for more mature students or for people working in the fields of politics, economics, and culture who want to learn more about German and European culture, economy and politics and learn the German language or refresh their German. The ISU at Marburg often attracts participants who are employed, and out of interest, work our summer course into their professional schedule.

## Faculty

Seminars are taught by faculty members from different universities in Europe and the US. Language courses are taught by highly qualified language instructors of German as a Foreign Language.

## Cultural Program: excursions, lectures, banquets and more

In addition to the study program, an interesting cultural program is offered, already covered by the fee. In the past years we offered excursions to several cities in Hessen, festival visits, hiking tours, romantic boat trips on the Rhine river; visits to museums as well as special lectures given by recognized guest speakers from the fields of politics, economics and science (in English and in German). A choice of these events will be offered in 2006 as well.

Our cultural program, which includes an opening and closing banquet, provides the opportunity for you to learn more about Germany and Europe beyond the classroom.

## ISU 2006 – The Summer University with the Special Touch

Located in the heart of Germany, Marburg an der Lahn is a small, lively and safe medieval town with a long university tradition. The ISU location, the university cafeteria and the romantic and picturesque old city with its castle, cafés, pubs, boutiques, as well as movie theatres, museums and theatres are all within walking distance. You will quickly find your way around. ([www.marburg.de](http://www.marburg.de))

The ISU takes place at the University of Marburg, which was founded 1527. With its 19,000 students and 7,500 staff members, it is one of Germany's medium-sized universities.

## **Practical Information**

### The Program

#### Study program

Seminars are taught in English or in German on the topic of:

*„Europe and its global neighbours – the role of culture, economics and politics in a Single World“*

The seminars will be offered in the following three modules:

- Economics
- Political Science
- Culture

Course descriptions can be found on our website: [www.sommeruni-marburg.de](http://www.sommeruni-marburg.de). Seminars (in English and in German) are taught in the mornings and afternoons. Each seminar (18 hours) lasts two weeks. You can enrol in up to four seminars. The basic fee covers two seminars of your choice (see “Tuition and Costs”).

### German Language Course (36 hours)

German language courses are taught in the mornings from 9 am – 11 am. Three levels are offered: Beginners, Intermediate (with some previous knowledge) and Advanced (with a good understanding of the language). Small groups offer optimal language learning conditions. The language course is covered by the fee.

### Credits

Upon successful completion of the courses you will be awarded the following ECTS points (European Credit Transfer System) by the University of Marburg:

For each seminar (18 hours)	3.0 points
For the German language course (36 hours)	3.0 points

### Accommodation

You will live in a single room in one of the university dormitories. Each room is equipped with a sink. There are common bathrooms, showers and a kitchen on each floor. Accommodation is included in the fee.

Upon your arrival in Marburg the ISU team and faculty members will take care of your personal and academic needs throughout the program. Weekend trips, evening events and special lectures provide you with a diverse program and complement your classroom studies. The activities and events also allow you to get to know each other better. You will learn a lot and feel at home!

### Dates

Arrival: July 24, 2006

Study program: July 25 – August 18, 2006

Departure: August 19, 2006

### Tuition and Costs

Fee for standard program: EUR 1,900 (registration by March 31: EUR 1,500)

The fee includes: the language course (36h) and two seminars (each 18h) of your choice, the cultural and excursion program, accommodation and course material. Additionally, the fee includes a meal subsidy for at least one meal each day classes take place (= total EUR 50) at the university's cafeteria.

Each additional class (possible only in combination with the standard program): EUR 200.

## Registration

You can register online ([www.sommeruni-marburg.de](http://www.sommeruni-marburg.de)). On our website you will find further information on payment procedures and on details for participation. If you wish we can send you this information and a registration form by mail.

The registration period started on December 15, 2005 and ends when the maximum number of participants (100) will have been reached.

Program is subject to change.

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