

Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme

Mapping Taste: Food Across Cultures

Mannheim/Germany
June 15 - 19, 2026



The interdisciplinary Erasmus Summer School “Mapping Taste: Food Across Cultures” explores food not only as a physical necessity but also as a cultural symbol, a medium of identity formation, and a field for sustainable and social transformation.

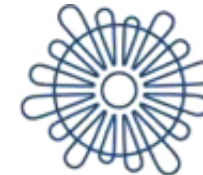
The program is coordinated by the University of Mannheim (School of Humanities – International Cultural Studies), participating universities are: Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań (Poland); Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas (Lithuania) and University of Zadar, Zadar (Croatia).



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I Virtual Phase (via Zoom)

May 19, 2026 | 16:00 - 18:00 (CET)

KICK-OFF: Introduction to the program and student group projects, formation of international project groups
Zoom-Link will be shared via email

June 10, 2026 | 16:00 - 17:30 (CET)

Introductory Keynote: Gastronativism
Fabio Parasecoli, New York University, NY, USA
Zoom-Link will be shared via email

II On-Site in Mannheim

Sunday, June 14

Arrival to Mannheim

18:00 - 20:00

Optional Welcome Drinks
Barrios, Q5 4, 68161 Mannheim

Monday, June 15

Meeting Point:
*expLAB Schloss Schneckenhof, University of Mannheim,
University Library, Schloss Schneckenhof, 68161 Mannheim*

9:00 - 9:15

Welcome and Introduction to Program
Ana-Sofia Uhl, Eva Breitbart

9:15 - 10:00

German Food Culture
Eva Breitbart, University of Mannheim

10:00 - 11:30

Break

10:30 - 12:00

Input & Discussion: Migration History of Mannheim

Dr. Brigitte Hohlfeld (author of the book "Weggegangen. Angekommen: Mannheimer Migrationsgeschichten" / "Departed. Arrived: Mannheim Migration Stories")

12:00 - 14:00

Lunch

14:30 - 16:00

Guided City Tour of Mannheim

from 16:00 onwards

Free time. Option for individual group work and to prepare and conduct field research projects.

Room EO 382 (Schloss Ehrenhof Ost) is reserved until 19.00 and can be used for group work.

Tuesday, June 16

Meeting Point:

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9:00 - 10:30

The Politics of Taste: Food, Nation-Building, and Identity in Europe

Aistė Žemaitytė, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

10:30 - 11:00

Break

11:00 - 12:30

From Table to Field: Food as a Methodological Resource in Applied Ethnological Research

Danijela Birt Katić, University of Zadar, Zadar, Croatia

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12:30 - 16:00**Free time. Option for individual group work and to prepare and conduct field research projects.***Room EO 382 (Schloss Ehrenhof Ost) is reserved and can be used for group work.***16:00 - 21:00****Food & Identity: Group cooking & communal dinner***IBZ, [L2 2-4, 68161 Mannheim](#) (Ground Floor)***Wednesday, June 17****Day trip by bus to the Palatinate (Kurpfalz)****9:00***Departure by bus to the city of Schwetzingen
[Ehrenhof, Schloss Mannheim](#)***10:00 - 11:30****Guided Tour of [Palace Garden Schwetzingen](#)****12:00 - 14:00****Lunch: Traditional German Cuisine***[Brauhaus zum Ritter, Schloßplatz 1, 68723 Schwetzingen](#)***14:00 - 14:45***Bus ride from Schwetzingen to Bad Dürkheim***15:00 - 17:30****Regional food products:** Learning about regional wine production; visit of winery, vineyards and wine tasting.*[Winery Fitz-Ritter, Bad Dürkheim](#)***17:30 - 18:00***Bus ride back to Mannheim and free evening. Possibility to conduct student field work projects in the evening.***Thursday, June 18****Meeting Point:***[expLAB Schloss Schneckenhof, University of Mannheim, University Library, Schloss Schneckenhof, 68161 Mannheim](#)***8:30 - 10:00****Purity, Prohibition, and Communion: Food in World Religions***[Sławomir Sztajer, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland](#)***10:00 - 10:30****Break****10:30 - 11:45****Food, Memory and Belonging***[Ana-Sofia Uhl, University of Mannheim](#)***12:00 - 13:00****Visit of Mannheim's central food market****13:00 - 14:30****Turkish Lunch***[Bursa Kebab Evi, H1 14, 68159 Mannheim](#)***14:30 - 15:30****Exploration of the transnational neighborhood in the centre of Mannheim****From 15:30 onwards****Free time. Option for individual group work and to prepare and conduct field research projects.***Room EO 382 (Schloss Ehrenhof Ost) is reserved until 19.00 and can be used for group work.***More Information:***[International Cultural Studies, University of Mannheim](#)*

Friday, June 19

Meeting Point:

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9:00 - 10:00

Preparation of Group Presentations

Final option for students to work on their group presentations.

10:00 - 13:00

Group presentations (max. 10 min per group), final feedback round, farewell.

13:00 - 14:30

Optional: Last lunch at the University Mensa

End of program



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