International Summer Academy 2018

Four-week language and culture course for international students starts today

Around 250 international students have arrived at the University of Mannheim to attend the “International Summer Academy” and improve their German skills during the month of August. About 80 percent of participants are exchange and degree students who will be spending one or two semesters at the University of Mannheim. During the four-week course, they will get a first impression of the country and its people and have the opportunity to organize their stay before the lecture period begins.

Participants come from 44 countries, with China and Taiwan being the top countries of origin in 2018 (with 36 and 25 participants respectively) and the United States taking third place with 23 participants.

Students can look forward to a challenging timetable – after five core language classes in the morning, they will deepen their knowledge in afternoon exercises on phonetics, grammar or oral communication. German history and economy will be on the schedule as well as German Basic Law and German Romanticism. In addition, native German students will accompany the participants in a variety of cultural and social events. In intercultural workshops, students will also acquire in-depth knowledge about German culture – a "Tour de Litter" for instance will introduce them to the quirks of the German waste separation system. And on field trips, participants will also get to explore the local flora or learn about German history hands-on.

The "International Summer Academy", which will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year, is offered by the International Office of the University of Mannheim. The "German as a Foreign Language" (DaF) department within the University of Mannheim's Service and Marketing GmbH is responsible for organizing the language and leisure program.

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