

The Viadrina

The European University Viadrina was founded in 1991, continuing the distinguished tradition of the first State University of Brandenburg (Alma Mater Viadrina, 1506-1811). Due to its unique geography and history the Viadrina plays an important role as a bridge between Eastern and Western Europe. It is the University's aim to attract a diverse and international faculty and student body, to support research and teaching on European and global issues, and to establish academic relationships with many different countries and regions. The Viadrina's special attraction is the opportunity it offers to study together with fellow students from Poland as well as other European nations and the rest of the world. Small classes, modern facilities and a renowned professorial body provide a distinctive and distinguished learning environment for undergraduates and graduate students in many scholarly and professional fields, including economics, law, the social sciences and the humanities.

Frankfurt (Oder)

Frankfurt (Oder) lies in the heart of Europe on the river Oder and directly on the border with Poland, and about one hour away from the German capital Berlin. Frankfurt (Oder) has a population of approximately 62,000. The famous poet Heinrich von Kleist was born in Frankfurt (Oder) in 1777 and also attended the town's university. Frankfurt paid tribute to her famous son by dedicating numerous buildings and parks to him (e.g. Kleist Museum, Kleist Forum and Kleistpark). Historical buildings, such as the Town Hall and St. Mary's church, display Frankfurt's past as a powerful and rich trading town and as a member of the Hanseatic League. The lively Polish neighboring town of Stübice is within ten minutes walking distance from the university. Berlin can be reached within one hour by train. Frankfurt is a green town beautifully located by the river with a promenade, parks and an attractive surrounding countryside. There are renowned cultural venues such as the Kleist Theatre, a cabaret, the State Philharmonic Orchestra, sports facilities and lively student bars and clubs.



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Viadrina Summer University 2008

The Use and Abuse of Power Cultures of Corruption in the Modern World

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The Use and Abuse of Power

Cultures of Corruption in the Modern World

Corruption is one of the most disturbing problems of modern societies. Recent scandals in business, politics and sports have demonstrated that even the most advanced societies are strongly affected by corruption. New empirical research has disproved classical modernization theories which linked patronage, clientelism and other corrupt practices to traditional formations. While there is a growing specialized literature on corruption, there is a lack of general theories and comparative research explaining this phenomenon. Why are some societies and cultures more affected by corruption than others? What are the long-term economic and social consequences? Is corruption really increasing, or is there rather a growing awareness of this phenomenon? And finally: How can leaders in politics and business effectively prevent and fight corruption?

Viadrina Summer University combines multidisciplinary findings with a strictly comparative approach. It connects discussions from economics, anthropology, history, law, sociology, and political sciences and explores empirical findings in past and present. The main focus of the curriculum will be on Europe and the transitional societies in the former socialist countries. However, examples from other parts of the world will be analyzed as well.

The faculty staff of Viadrina Summer University 2008 consists of distinguished scholars from a variety of disciplines and academic institutions. While academic training and research is at the heart of the program, legal and practical issues of anti-corruption agendas are addressed in special workshops with the help from experts from politics, business and public administration. We cooperate closely with the anti-corruption organization "Transparency International" which is located in Berlin, as well as with renowned academic institutions, including Humboldt-University in Berlin, the Center for the Study of Contemporary History in Potsdam and the European School of Management and Technology in Berlin.

The Summer University offers one-day excursions to Berlin, the famous historical monastery at Neuzelle, the "socialist industrial city" Eisenhüttenstadt and a tour on the river Oder. The program includes numerous cultural and recreational activities (sports, movie screenings, a barbecue, etc).

Who can participate?

Viadrina Summer University welcomes advanced students and young researchers from the social sciences, economics, humanities, and law. Applications from candidates who already hold a first degree and/or have specialized in issues related to the program will receive preferential treatment. Full-time attendance of the Summer University is obligatory for all participants. Students are expected to contribute a short presentation and a research essay. Proficiency in English is required as all parts of the program will be taught in English.

Teaching and Syllabus

The Summer University combines lectures, small seminar discussions, student presentations, practical training and case studies. Details on the course program, reading requirements and syllabus are available in advance on the Summer University's website.

Certificate

The Viadrina Summer University Certificate requires active participation in one core course, three seminars, one workshop and three lectures. Participants who wish to transfer their credit points to their home universities are expected to submit a research paper and a short seminar presentation. Students can earn up to 18 ECTS-points.

Course fees and fellowships

The registration fee of 200 Euros includes tuition, course materials and other costs related to the course program. The Summer University offers 25 fellowships provided by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the German Foreign Office for foreign participants. Fellowships cover tuition, accommodation, travelling costs and a lump sum of 200s Euro towards meals and living costs. Travelling costs will be reimbursed according to the regulations of the DAAD. Fellowship applications must be submitted together with the application form for Viadrina Summer University.

The Summer University is open to a limited number of regular Viadrina students who will not have to pay the registration fee.

Accommodation

Participants are invited to stay in modern student apartments with single rooms and modern facilities in Stubice, Poland. The price of a single room per person/night will be around 10,50 Euro.

Grocery stores, supermarkets and restaurants are all to be found within walking distance. There are several university canteens open to students of the Viadrina Summer University.

Application

Deadline for applications is 1 March 2008. Please send us:

1. Application form (word 97-2003, pdf)
<<http://www.kuwi.euv-frankfurt-o.de/de/studium/summeruniversity/index.html>>
2. Proof of English language proficiency
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Letter of Motivation (one page)
5. Letter of Recommendation (from a university teacher)

All applications have to be made in English. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Ms Carolin Friese: vsu@euv-frankfurt-o.de
Decisions on acceptance will be announced on an ongoing basis, by 15th March at the latest.

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