CALS International Exchange Program
Jacobs University [Germany]

Overview

Semesters Available:  Spring, Fall, Academic Year
GPA Requirement:  3.0
Language of Instruction:  English
Academic Calendar:
Spring:  February – May
Fall:  September - December

Jacobs University, based in Bremen, is Germany’s leading private university and home to more than 1,300 students from over 100 countries. A research-oriented, state-accredited campus university with a broad portfolio of pre-degree, undergraduate and graduate study programs from natural and social sciences, engineering and economics. All programs are taught in English. Extensive extracurricular activities support and strengthen our students' personal development.

Areas of Study

Preparatory
* Medical Natural Science

Bachelors of Arts
* Global Economics & Management
* International Business Administration
* International Relations: Politics and History
* Integrated Social Sciences
* Psychology

Bachelor of Science
* Biochemistry & Cell Biology
* Chemistry
* Computer Science
* Earth and Environmental Sciences
* Electrical and Computer Engineering
* Intelligent Mobile Systems
* Industrial Engineering & Management
* Mathematics
* Medicinal Chemistry & Chemical Biology
* Physics

Campuses

At Jacobs University, you will enjoy a varied student life with activities ranging from African drumming to Indian or Oriental dance, from football (soccer), to basketball, rowing, and even ultimate Frisbee. There are about 30 student and sports clubs on campus, including a student run newspaper, a startup competition, an environmental club, and a debating society, but also clubs directed towards making a contribution to the local community such as the Rotaract Club.

And of course, as you may expect on a residential campus, parties and events are frequently organized, from international barbecues to Christmas carol evenings, inter-college soccer games, country information days, Chinese New Year celebrations, Jacobs Games, or Jacobs University’s own talent show Spotlight.

A large number of staff and faculty are German. German students studying at Jacobs further bring the German culture onto campus. Students are invited to all kinds of activities organized by local clubs. Jacobs University also hosts a “Country Information Day” throughout the semester, an event in which students are able to present their home country’s history, customs, and food to fellow members of the community.

Student Reports

What do other CALS students have to say about studying at Jacobs? Links to student reports can be found on the main Exchange Partner webpage. Be sure to check them out!
**Language Classes**

All programs are taught in English.

Students have the opportunity to experience the German culture at first hand, join German Host Family Program and foster their German knowledge in our language courses offered in cooperation with Goethe Institute.

**Assessments & Grading Classes**

There are at least as many classroom cultures as there are national educational systems, not to mention individual teaching styles. Being an international educational institution, Jacobs University reflects upon cultural diversity in relation to studying processes and works towards transparency in its own classroom culture. Studying at Jacobs University for many students signifies the necessity to understand and adapt to the classroom culture which values a student’s ability to work independently, take full responsibility for her/his learning and the organization of the study process, and rely less on the promptness and the scope of the feedback from teachers than might be encouraged in other academic cultures. It is possible that expectations based on your home classroom culture will not be fulfilled in our academic environment, but this is part of the study abroad experience. We believe that being inquisitive about your new academic culture and being open to new learning experiences is the best way to achieve a successful adjustment and a satisfying study process.

**Accommodation**

Jacobs University’s campus in Bremen offers high standard living conditions in four residential colleges. All study abroad undergraduate students have guaranteed housing on campus for duration of their stay. Each student gets a single room in a two-room apartment and shares a bathroom with a second student (room-mate). In exceptional circumstances single room apartment can be requested.

**Student Visa**

All study abroad students who need a visa to enter Germany should apply for a student visa. A visitor’s visa or any other type of visa cannot be changed into a student visa upon arrival to Germany. By governmental legislation, all students entering the country with non-student visa will be required to return home in order to apply for a valid student visa.

It takes from six to eight weeks for visa application to be approved.

**Program Costs**

Students are billed their regular CALS tuition, with no added administrative fees. Students purchase plane tickets and pay remaining costs such as housing, meals, student visa application fees, local travel, and personal expenses. Some partner institutions charge student activity fees and/or health insurance plans which students are also responsible for.

Financial aid travels with students going abroad. Students must complete with grades equivalent to a Cornell “C” or better. Financial aid for study abroad is need-based, consistent with university and government policies and covers all costs relevant to study abroad, including tuition, all mandatory program fees, housing, meals, books, personal expenses, and round-trip airfare. If you are currently receiving financial aid, your aid package will be adjusted based on your determined level of need and the projected costs for your study abroad program. University grant aid and loan awards may be either increased or decreased to meet study abroad need. The normal work-study component of aid packages will be converted to student loans.

**How to Apply**

You will apply to the exchange after meeting with the CALS study abroad and exchange advisor in 140 Roberts Hall. All application materials will be returned to CALS-not the university directly.