

Fachhochschule Aachen

Recommended for business students, especially those majoring in International Business. Instruction is in English with the opportunity to study Beginning and Business German.

Germany

Aachen, Germany

Aachen is the most westerly city in the state of Nordrhein-Westfalen in Germany. The city has about a quarter of a million inhabitants, of whom roughly 45,000 are students. Rich in history dating back to the times of Charlemagne (768-814), Aachen is a medieval town in its downtown area, but a burgeoning industrial center on its outskirts. Located in the "Three Countries Corner" (Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands), Aachen is also a great home base for excursions to other historical German cities such as Cologne, Maastricht, and Leige. In addition to extensive manufacturing and processing industries (fabrics, needles, electrotechnical, chemical, food production, paper processing, etc.), Aachen has a well-known spa treatment industry.

Fachhochschule (FH) Aachen

FH Aachen was established in 1971. It is the fourth largest university of applied science in Germany and currently has 11,000 students, of whom approximately 1,000 are foreign students. There are 240 professors and 300 part-time faculty in eleven Faculties. The Faculty of Business serves 1,200 students and offers several international cooperative programs: a German-British course of studies in which students earn joint degrees from FH Aachen and from Coventry University in England; an Integrated German-French Business course of study with ESC Compiegne and ECCIP in Paris; and a European Business course of study in cooperation with universities in The Netherlands, France, England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, and Spain. The latter offers a unique study abroad opportunity for SFSU students who are interested in studying European Union business trends.

Academic Program

FH Aachen is divided into 11 subject areas. The exchange program for SFSU students is with the Faculty of Business only. In the German system, students complete all of their general education in high school and university degrees are highly specialized. All courses are directly related to their area of studies, and students have fixed academic curriculum. SFSU and other international students participating in the exchange program attend courses given in English under the European Business Studies program. Students are expected to take a minimum of 12 units for the semester.

Winter semester: September to February
Beginning German for foreign students starts in early September, followed by a Business German course that begins in mid-September. Regular classes start around the third week of September and end around the second week of February. Finals are scheduled in the last three weeks of the semester, but arrangements can be made for exchange students to take finals in time to return to SFSU for the beginning of spring semester.

Summer semester: March to July
German for foreign students starts at the beginning of March and Business German begins in mid-March. Regular classes begin in the second week of March and end in mid-July. Final exams take place during the last three weeks of the semester.

Academic Calendar

(Dates are approximate and subject to change)

Fall Semester: September - February

Spring Semester: March - July

SEMESTER ONLY
PROGRAM!

Eligibility Requirements



Be an enrolled SFSU degree seeking student, or community college student eligible to enter SFSU and begin studies by program start date.



Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75.



Have upper division or graduate standing by the end of term prior to departure.



Prior college-level German language courses are recommended, but not required.

Fachhochschule Aachen SFSU Bilateral Program

Course Offerings Features

European Business Studies Module

(4 hours/week/17 weeks)

This course explores various aspects of business management, with European integration as a background. It covers the following areas:

- The influence of cultural differences on business activity.
- The opportunities and challenges presented by European integration for certain business sections in Europe.
- The differences and similarities of certain business sectors in Europe.
- The integrated Europe as a basis for business activity in countries and regions outside of Europe.
- The legal and political foundations of the EU, the economic structure of the EU and the European Single Market.
- Economic policy jurisdiction and goals of the EU, EU monetary policy, EMS European Monetary System, and European economic and monetary union.

Beginning German for Foreign Students

(4 hours/week)

The course begins prior to the semester and continues throughout the semester.

Business German I

(4 hours/week)

This a block course before the beginning of the semester; continuation during the semester through seminars. Topics include: Getting a Job, Banking and Means of Payment, Data Processing, Tourism, Working Environment, etc.

Business Spanish I

(4 hours/week/17 weeks)

Higher levels also available.

Business French I

(4 hours/week/17 weeks)

Higher levels also available.

Other courses (availability varies by semester)

Finance Management

(6 hours/week/17 weeks)

Market-oriented Management of Sourcing and Providing Goods and Services

(6 hours/week/17 weeks)

International Business and EU Law

(4 hours/week/17 weeks)

Seminars (Topics vary by semester):

(2 hours/week/17 weeks)

- Ludus Business Game Team Decision Process.
- Information Management.
- Product Liability/Consumer Protection.
- European Insurance Markets.
- The European Labor Market.
- Operation and Production Management.
- Leadership and Personnel Management.
- Business Taxation.
- Marketing: Retailing in Germany.

Students with near native fluency in German can also participate in a wider selection of courses offered in German which are not listed here.

For more information

Be sure to check out the university's website:

www.fh-aachen.de

Bilateral Exchanges are official programs of San Francisco State University. They offer students unique opportunities to study overseas as part of their degree programs.

✓ Exchange students are still SFSU students while they are studying at the host university overseas.

✓ Exchange students continue to pay SFSU tuition, while the tuition at the host university is waived.

✓ Exchange students earn regular academic credit for all regular coursework done at the overseas campus.

✓ All SFSU financial aid (except work study) is applicable overseas.

Financing Your Semester

Tuition (regular SFSU):	\$1,440.00
Round-trip airfare:	\$1,100.00
Room, Board, and utilities:	\$3,200.00
Personal Expenses:	\$1,875.00 (entertainment, incidentals, books, etc.)
Health Insurance:	\$ 400.00
TOTAL ESTIMATE:	\$8015.00

These are estimated costs for one semester. Students are also required to have medical insurance that is

Next Step

1. Research program in the Study Abroad Library (ADM 450) and at the host institution website.
2. Meet with Jennifer Viale in COB Advising Center (Bus 137)
3. Go to an application meeting. (check www.sfsu.edu/~studyabr and click on [Calendar Events](#))

APPLICATION DEADLINES:
Fall Term - March 1st
Spring Term - October 1st

More Info:

1. JOIN IEEC!

Meet the alumni and visiting exchange students from the various host institutions!

userwww.sfsu.edu/~ieec/

2. check out our website!

www.sfsu.edu/~studyabr for

"Student Experience Reports" and useful internet links

3. Stop by the office if you have any other questions!

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