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65th International Summer Course for German Language, Literature and Culture



University of Bonn Summer Course 2012

Dates:

Arrival: August 2

Classes: August 3 - 28

Departure: August 29

We offer:

- Up to 15 language courses at beginning, intermediate and advanced level in small groups (12-14 participants).
- 60 hours of language instruction (Monday - Friday).
- Workshops: seminars of 4 hours per week on area studies, literature and linguistics.
- Extracurricular activities: Excursions, wine tasting, city sight-seeing, party, boat trip.



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The University of Bonn holds its 65th four-week Summer Course in August 2012. The course offers participants from all over the world the opportunity to learn German from a beginner to an advanced level.

The University of Bonn, founded in 1818, as well as the region's beautiful landscape, made Bonn a famous university town, and an intellectual venue. Today, the University is one of Germany's major institutes of higher education with an enrolment of approximately 27,000 students including more than 3,500 international students from over 130 countries. Bonn is the birthplace of Ludwig van Beethoven, as well as the city where the headquarters of Deutsche Post and the world famous Haribo are located. As the former seat of government, it still houses various governmental institutions and is also a place of international dialogue, symbolized by the UN Campus which was offered to the United Nations in 2006.

The Summer Course gives participants a comprehensive and practical understanding of German culture and traditions as well as contributing to fostering international friendships.

Courses and Events

At the International Summer Course, participants have a chance to learn German ab initio or to improve existing knowledge. There will be courses for beginners and for advanced students. Classes will be small (12-14 participants), and there will be a placement test first, to ensure that students' individual needs and expectations are taken into account. Excursions and other events of the supporting programme are part of the Summer Course. The course fee includes all courses and events.

Workshops

On two afternoons per week, a variety of additional workshops will be offered. According to the individual

level of language proficiency, each participant should choose among different topics, including cultural studies, literature and linguistics (e.g. "German History in the 20th century", "German Phonetics", "Theater").

Tests and Certification

Courses will start with a placement test for all participants which will determine their assignment to the individual classes. At the end of the International Summer Course, you will receive a certificate, if you attended regularly and took part in a written examination.

Eligibility

International applicants qualifying for admission to higher education (18 years or older).

Application

The application form is available online (www.sommerkurs.uni-bonn.de) where you will also find further information on the application process.

Application Deadline 31st May 2012 (or upon reaching the maximum number of participants).

Costs

Course fee: 680 € (including tuition, events and excursions). Upon registration, you need to pay a first instalment of 400 € (bank transfer or cheque). After receiving the completely filled in and signed application form and the advanced payment, we will send a Letter of Admission and an invoice for the remaining course fees. The remaining amount is due on 15th July 2012 (again, by bank transfer or by cheque). Please bring a receipt of payment with you on arrival day to prove that you made the required payments.

We will not be able to reimburse you for cancellations after May 31, 2012. Before that date, we can return your advanced payment for a service fee of 50 €.

Advanced Payment:

400 € for course only

600 € for course and accommodation

Student Dormitories

It is possible to rent a room in a student dormitory for the duration of the Summer Course. Accommodation in a student dormitory will cost about 220 - 320 € in addition. Upon registration, you need to pay (in addition to the advanced payment of the course fees) a first instalment of 200 € (by bank transfer or cheque). For administrative reasons, it is necessary to make reservations for the dormitories and pay the first instalment by 31st May 2012! A deposit of 30 € will be charged. Both the rent and the deposit need to be paid to the International Office. Participants who have made reservations in time will be given a single room with either shared or own bathroom/kitchen. Unfortunately, the rooms will not be available until 2nd August. Please note that it will not be possible to change your room or dormitory, once you have been assigned to a room.

Financing Your Expenses

Please note that you can only participate in the International Summer Course, if you are able to pay for admission and living expenses. Please note that meals and other living expenses are **not** included in the fee.

Insurance

Fees do not cover medical and accident insurance. Participants need to cover such costs themselves. Therefore, it is highly advisable to take out insurance in your home country before departure.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Bonn. Please contact us for further information!