

Frequently Asked Questions about EuNC's Course Offerings

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Q. How does a "Semester" Abroad relate to the "session" and "term" scheduling at EuNC?

The Autumn Semester Abroad (August-December) consists of the entire Autumn Term (sessions 1-3) and the first session of the Winter term. The Spring Semester Abroad (January-May) consists of the last session of the Winter Term and the first three sessions of the Spring Term.

Q. Can you come earlier or stay longer in the spring?

Yes, you can take additional courses in Spring session 4 or Summer session 1. Occasionally, it's also possible to join the campus for Winter sessions 2 and 3, but special arrangements need to be made; contact the Registrar as soon as possible if you are interested.

Q. Can I come for just one session or just one course?

Yes, this is possible. You can contact the Registrar for more information.

Q. How many credits should I take?

In order to maintain full-time status for your financial aid, you will want to select courses that equal at a minimum of 22 ECTS. You can check the EuNC website for the conversion between ECTS and American credits (<http://www.eunc.edu/pages/academics/ects-and-us-college-credits.php>).

Q. How are the credits divided over the sessions?

The average length of a semester abroad is 2 sessions of 4 weeks, followed by 2 sessions of 3 weeks. In the 4-week sessions, students take 2 courses, each worth 3 ECTS (...so 2 courses x 2 sessions x 3 ECTS/course = 12 ECTS). In the 3-week sessions, students take 1 course of 5 ECTS (...so 2 sessions x 5 ECTS/course = 10 ECTS). Together, these sessions (16 weeks, in total) provide 22 ECTS.

Q. Do I have to be a religion major or religion minor to come to EuNC?

No. We think a semester at EuNC is a valuable experience for more than only religion students. It is true that we offer a large number of theology and ministry courses because EuNC's programme consists of only one major: religion. But we also have a variety of General Education courses, and we have designed several courses specifically for the semester abroad students.

Q. What if the courses offered do not fit my schedule?

We try to accommodate as much as we can to make this experience possible for you. We offer certain electives especially for the semester abroad students. Upon request, we are willing to consider directed studies, and, if needed, we can upgrade courses to 5 ECTS which is similar to the standard 3 college credit class. You may also want to consider coming in another semester or another year. To best explore your options, please contact the Registrar.

Q. Can I study as a semester abroad student at any of the other learning centres?

No, at this moment, the only semester abroad option is to study at the Büsingen campus. The other learning centres are geared for part time students; courses aren't offered regularly enough for semester abroad students to gain the credits they need in the right amount of time. From time to time, however, a Büsingen campus course might include a trip to another location. The Registrar would have further

information about whether one of those courses might be offered in the semester you plan to be at EuNC.

Q. What is meant with “flexible electives” in the Course Offering list?

We offer certain courses as electives that are not yet fixed to a certain session. Depending on the needs and preferences of the semester abroad students, we are flexible and assign these courses to a session that works best for the schedule of the students involved. This is something you want to discuss with the Registrar.

Q. What is meant with “Possible Upgrades to 5 ECTS” in the Course Offering list?

The courses offered in the 4-week sessions are 3 ECTS, which is equivalent to 1.8 U.S. credits hours. If a student’s programme of study demands that they take such a course for 5 ECTS (3 US College credits), we can provide this opportunity. This will require a certain adjustment because you cannot go much beyond the 22 ECTS for the entire period. It is best to contact the Registrar to discuss the options.

Q. What is meant with “Overarching Courses” in the Course Offering list?

This refers to 0.5 or 1 ECTS co-curricular courses such as music, student leadership practicum. They extend beyond the length of just one session.

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