

Dear students interested in our German Summer Intensive Programme 2017

Please find below some useful information about our German Summer Intensive Programme in Basel.

Arrival and departure

The German Summer Intensive Programme starts on Monday 28 August 2017. We expect you to arrive on Sunday 27 August, 18:00 the latest. The coordinator of our German programme, Beatrice Mall-Grob, or I will meet you upon your arrival at Basel airport or Basel train station. You will receive our mobile phone numbers closer to your departure date so that you can contact us in case of any delays or inform us about your arrival time. We will use public transport to get you to your youth hostel and will provide tickets for you to use trams and busses in Basel during your stay. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a trolley bag and/or backpack which you can carry yourself.

It will be possible to enter your rooms as of 15:00 but you are welcome to already check in at the youth hostel before 15:00, use bathroom and showers, and eventually go out to get something to eat on your own.

We expect you to depart on Saturday 16 September 2017.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be in common rooms (3-4 persons per room) with shared showers and bathrooms in the hallway. Do not forget to bring your own towels. Please note, that washing laundry in the hostel and/or in public laundries is quite expensive in Switzerland. We therefore recommend to bring enough clothes/ towels with you.

Meals

Breakfast and dinner will be provided daily by the youth hostel (breakfast starting at 6:00, dinner between 18:30 and 20:00). During weekdays lunch will be provided at the university cafeteria. Lunches on weekends as well as additional snacks during your stay will be at your own cost.

The first meal will be dinner on Sunday 27 August; the last meal provided by the youth hostel at our expense will be breakfast on Saturday 16 September.

The language courses

In order to give you a better idea of the German Summer Intensive Programme, please find below a short extract from the course announcement:

“In the mornings participants attend an intensive language course suiting their individual level, complemented by conversation and pronunciation training. Our offer includes an additional course on one afternoon per week, where the acquired skills in each level are consolidated. Excursions and cultural events enhance the programme. Participation is obligatory.”

Recreational activities

Sports: During the German Summer Intensive Programme you can join the University Sports Programme: <https://universitaetssport.unibas.ch/programm/sportbereiche/>.
For further exercise you can go running along the river Rhine e.g. or use public sports grounds which you might be able to use if they are not occupied by teams or used for practice: <http://www.jfs.bs.ch/fuer-sportlerinnen-und-sportler/sportanlagen/sportanlagen-sportzentren.html>

Unfortunately there is no University swimming pool. There are several public swimming pools in Basel though e.g.: <http://www.jfs.bs.ch/fuer-sportlerinnen-und-sportler/sportanlagen/gartenbaeder.html>.

You will find all the information regarding fees and opening hours on their websites.

Culture: For further information on Basel as well as cultural activities please see:
<http://www.bs.ch/en/>
<https://www.basel.com/en>

University: If you would like to find out more about the University of Basel, have a look at:
<http://issuu.com/unibas>

Included

Included in the exchange offer and accordingly without personal cost to visiting students are:

- Course fees
- Course material
- Accommodation (Arrival: 27 August 2017 / Departure: 16 September 2017)
- All meals on weekdays
- Breakfast and dinner on weekends
- Transportation pass for Basel during the stay

Excluded

Not included in the exchange offer and accordingly at the personal expense of visiting students are:

- Lunch on weekends
- Snacks
- Souvenirs
- Trips, excursions (besides the course programme)
- Flights to Basel
- Train fare to Basel (if you land somewhere else)

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at any time. We are looking forward to welcoming you!

Kind regards,
Ines Gaemperle
German Summer Intensive Programme Coordinator