

English-Package for International Students; 30 ECTS-points

- **Format:** One semester programme
- **Prerequisites:** B2 level of English

Overview

Module	Thematic focus & Courses	ECTS-Points
Module 1	<p>Education & Culture</p> <p>Course 1: <i>International Education: Systems, Policies and Practices, plus excursions (5 ECTS)</i></p> <p>Course 2: <i>intercultural learning (Education) or Intercultural Competence (English) (3 ECTS)</i></p> <p>Course 3: one freely selectable course from the subject education (3 ECTS)</p>	11
Module 2	<p>Humanities & Cultures</p> <p>Course 4, Course 5, Course 6 (3 ECTS each): Three freely selectable course from the subjects of English, Ethics, Religion or others. Depending on the subject and individual interest of the students</p>	9
Module 3	<p>German language & internship</p> <p>Course 7: <i>Intensive German language course (2 ECTS)</i></p> <p>Course 8: <i>semesterlong German language course (4 ECTS)</i></p> <p>Internship: <i>Teach and Learn at Talschool (4 ECTS)</i></p>	10

Description:

Module 1 Education & Culture

Course 1: International Education: Systems, Policies and Practices, plus excursions (5 ECTS)

The course offers an introduction to the German/Baden-Württemberg education system. In the further course, teams of international guest students and students present selected international comparative issues. The seminar will be complemented by 2-3 day excursions to regional educational sites (e.g. museums, nature conservation centers, schools).

Course 2: Intercultural learning (Education) OR Intercultural Competence (English) (3 ECTS)

Intercultural learning (3 ECTS; summer term)

What is the meaning of intercultural competence within a globalized society? This is the focal question dealt with in this bilingual seminar (German/English). The aim is to work on reflection- and action-competences concerning an intercultural-globalized context. The seminar offers a combination of theoretical and practical parts.

Intercultural Competence (3 ECTS)

This course will give students the opportunity to understand and work with people of various cultural backgrounds. It aims to improve the intercultural competences of the students through critical thinking and self-reflection. The course will also touch upon the role language plays in intercultural communication. It will provide students with various tools that can be used to understand peoples of other cultures and be open to cultural diversity.

Active participation is expected; i.e. working on the offered sources, preparing a presentation with others and being ready to reflect on the experiences and share this with others. The seminar will be held mainly in English.

Course 3: one freely selectable course from the subject education (3 ECTS)

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Modul 2: Humanities & Cultures (9 ECTS)

Course 4, Course 5, Course 6: Three freely selectable course from the subjects of English, Ethics, Religion or others. Depending on the subject and interest

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Modul 3: German language & internship

Course 7: Intensive German language course (2 ECTS)

The German intensive courses aims to prepare the students linguistically for their studies in Weingarten and to familiarize them with the university. By dividing the courses into levels A1/A2 and B1/B2 respectively, the international students receive lessons tailored to their language level, which includes intensive training in the areas of listening comprehension, reading comprehension, speaking and written expression.

Course 8: semester German language course (4 ECTS)

The German course throughout the semester is also divided into students with little to no knowledge of German (A1 / A2) and more advanced students (minimum language level B1) and are geared to international students from our partner universities. The courses impart university specific language competences to the students and accompany the students during their time in Weingarten. Within the framework of the course, all skills (listening and reading comprehension, speaking, writing) are practiced and regional studies about Germany and Europe are discussed. The students learn the skills as 'independent users' according to the CEF (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) and complete exam preparation for the levels A1 – B2.2.

Internship: Learn and teach at "Talschule" (4 ECTS)

The Internship at the Talschule Weingarten provides an opportunity for international students to gain experience in a primary school setting.

- The students are supported in planning and performing their 'Teach-Learn-Sequences'
- Students receive feedback and constructive input to improve teaching and also for their professional decision-making
- Students get an inside look at the German school environment
- They gain valuable knowledge as well as language training in either German or English