

PROGRAM FOR LMU PARTNERS
EUROPEAN STUDIE: MUNICH - BERLIN – PRAGUE
[AUGUST 3 - 28, 2015]

We are pleased to welcome LMU partner students from China Universities to the Munich International Summer University (MISU) in Germany.

The European Studies Program takes place under the patronage of the Center for Applied Policy Research (C A P) at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich). C A P is a university-based institution for political advising and research on European affairs.

The European Union is the most prominent example of how regional integration works. For 28 European states, supranational policy-making determines not only their political and economic systems; the global challenges of the 21st century illustrate the limitations of power of individual governments, thus requiring common approaches. As a consequence, integration is also considered important for European security policy.

The objective of this summer academy is to provide students with a broad understanding of the historical development, the economic, societal, political and philosophical dimensions of the European integration process.

Throughout the seminars a particular emphasis will be on the Chinese perspective on the various issues and policies discussed. Moreover, the course will also specifically focus on the relations between Europe and China and identify the prospects and challenges for developing further the Chinese-European partnership



In addition to the academy, we encourage you to engage in a vibrant international student life on the campus of LMU Munich during the summer of 2015.

Kai Wede (MISU Director)

Academic Program

General Information

Munich Arrival:	August 2
Academic Program:	August 3 - 28
Trip to Berlin:	August 8 -10
Trip to Salzburg:	August 16
Trip to castle Neuschwanstein	August 21
Munich Departure:	August 29
<u>Extra Program:</u> Trip to Prague:	August 25 – 27 (tentative)

Classes are held from Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
There is a break between 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.. 60 contact hours in total.

Content of the class

All students get the module I and III and they can choose a specialisation in module II

I. Introductory Modules:

Institutions and Functioning of the European Union

This module covers key aspects of the EU's institutional architecture including decision-making procedures and European law. A particular focus will be on the role of the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Council, the European Court of Justice, and the Council of the European Union.

Policy Fields of the European Union

This module provides an overview of the EU's role and competences in key policy fields such as the single market, the common currency, foreign and security policy as well as justice and home affairs.

European Identity

This module addresses questions related to European identity. It discusses cultural and societal aspects of European integration, analyses the public opinion about the EU and examines the emergence of Euro-scepticism and populist movements across Europe.

II. Specialized Modules:

The EU in International Affairs

This module analyses the EU's role as an actor in global political, security and economic affairs. A particular focus will be on development policy, European security and defence policy, the European Neighbourhood Policy, the transatlantic relationship as well as EU's policy towards Asia.

European Economic Integration

This module provides an analysis of key aspects related to European economic integration. A particular focus will be on the implications of the Single Market for national economies, external trade policy, the European Monetary Union and the sovereign debt crisis, social and employment policies, as well as European science and technology policy.

The Member States of the European Union

This module analyses how member states operate within the multi-level system of the European Union. Specifically, it assesses how the political, economic and societal systems of EU member states are affected by the European level and conversely exercise influence on it. Moreover, it will also be discussed how member states try to further their interests internationally through the EU.

III. Wrap-up Module:

The Future of European Integration

Students present the conclusions of the specialized modules to the other participants. Based on these findings and the results of the introductory modules, they discuss key factors that shape the future of European Union and jointly develop future scenarios of the European integration process.

Grade / Credit / Transcript

The Academic Board of the MISU defines the requirements and contact hours (1 contact hour comprises 45 minutes) for successful completion of the courses as follows:

- regular attendance
- preparation for and active participation in seminars
- attendance and contribution to lectures
- participation in and contribution to class excursions
- self study and homework assignments
- written assignments
- presentations

Course Contact Hours: 60 contact hours* to be worth up to 6 credits

TRANSCRIPTS

Every student will receive an official transcript after the successful completion of all program requirements. The transcript will show the course name, title of the essay and contact hours, the number of acquired credits as well as the achieved grades.

CREDIT TRANSFER

Most international colleges and universities accept credits from the MISU LMU. However, each institution has its own policy regarding credit acceptance from other institutions. We strongly recommend that students consult their academic advisor and/or professor to receive credit transfer approval before applying to the MISU Summer Academy. The student who would like to transfer credits to their home universities should print out all documents and contact the professor or study abroad advisor and ask for credit and grade approval.

GRADING SCALE

Grades are defined from the Academic Board of MISU LMU according to the general grading system of LMU.

MISU Grade	ECTS*	USA
1.0	A	A+
1.3	A	A
1.7	B	A-
2.0	B	B+
2.3	B	B
2.7	C	B-
3.0	C	C+
3.3	D	C
3.7	E	C-
4.0	E	D+
NA	F	D
NA	F	F

* **ECTS** - EUROPEAN CREDIT TRANSFER AND ACCUMULATION SYSTEM (ECTS) IS A STANDARD FOR COMPARING THE STUDY ATTAINMENT AND PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION ACROSS THE EUROPEAN UNION

GRADING PROCEDURE

There are three grading sections in this course:

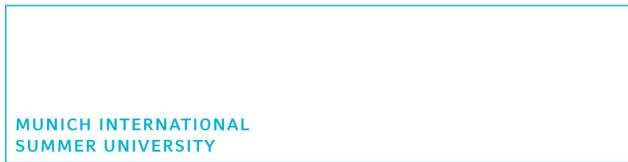
- 55 % Essay (approx. 3500-4000 words)
- 25 % Presentation
- 20 % Active participation in class

TARGET GROUP AND REQUIREMENTS

Students with different academic backgrounds (minimum: 1 year of study) and a general interest in European integration will benefit from each other in an intercultural and interdisciplinary learning process. Former classes consisted of regular students of political science, law, communications studies, intercultural communication and related disciplines.

The course requires knowledge about European politics, law, history or culture. Participants should be interested in more than just their field of specialization. In class participation, especially in the discussions with experts, is essential for the course success and plays an important role in grading.

Lectures, presentations and examinations will be held in English. Knowledge of German is not a required.



Patronage

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Werner Weidenfeld;
LMU Munich, Head of C A P

Academic Instructor, MISU European Studies Program

Dr. Christoph Schnellbach
Lecturer, C A P/ G.S.I.; LMU

Christoph Schnellbach is holding a Ph.D. from Andrassy University Budapest (AUB) since 2011. He received his first university degree (M.A.) in political science, European law and social psychology from the Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich (LMU) in 2007. During his studies at the AUB, LMU and his study visit at Bradford University (UK), he specialized in European integration and international relations. He is currently working as a lecturer and project coordinator at the Geschwister-Scholl-Institute for Political Science. Furthermore, he is Junior Research Fellow at the Danube-Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Budapest and Associate at SeminarsSimulationsConsulting Europe. His research interests are: EU enlargement, minority policy, NGOs and intermediate actors.

Michael Bauer
Senior Research Fellow, C.A.P.; LMU

Michael Bauer is a Senior Researcher in the Research Group on European Affairs and heads the project on Europe and the Middle East at the Center for Applied Policy Research (C•A•P). His research focus is on European foreign policy and international security and political, social and economic transformation processes in Arab countries. He is the academic coordinator of the European Studies Programs of the Munich International Summer University, visiting lecturer at the MAEUS-program of the Chulalongkorn University, as well as member of the Steering Committee of the EU-funded al-Jisr project on Public Diplomacy and of the Euro-Mediterranean Studies Commission (EuroMeSCo).

Michael Bauer holds a MA in political science and a postgraduate degree in educational science. He studied in Munich and Aberystwyth (UK).

Host Institution

The Center for Applied Policy Research (C A P) at LMU Munich was founded in 1995 in order to bring together the privately funded, practice-oriented research work attached to the professorship held by Prof. Werner Weidenfeld. C A P is a university-based institution for political advising and research on European affairs.

Science Group

The research group on European Affairs focuses its work on strategies for the future of the European Union. The group also concentrates on the current process of European integration and on specific regions and countries like the Black Sea, the Middle East or the United States and Russia. Especially important and characteristic for the group is the combination of research on both institutional processes and developments in policies like energy or research and development, justice and home affairs, foreign policy or transatlantic relations. Furthermore, the Research Group is in charge of two standard works on European Integration (Yearbook on European Integration and "Europe from A-Z").

Financial Information

Each student has to pay in total 1.305,00 € (approx. 10.000 RMB):

- € 150,00 MISU registration fee
- € 775,00 tuition (LMU / CAP)
- € 380,00 housing fee (student dorm)

Extra booking:

- € 200,00 Prague trip (3 days, 2 night, 3-star hotel, incl. Breakfast)

The program fees includes the following:

- participation in class
- course reading materials
- participation in all excursions (include Berlin)
- airport transfers (only for group arrival)
- “mensa” and cafeteria access
- high-speed internet access at the dorm
- library access
- tutors
- 24h emergency hotline

- student dorms (single rooms in single apartments or shared apartments)

The extra trip to Prague includes the following:

- transfers Munich – Prague – Munich by train
- 2 nights include breakfast in double rooms, 3-star hotel in the centre of Prague
- Local transport ticket
- Sightseeing tour
- Tour guide from MISU program

Extra costs:

- Public Transport Ticket 1 month (approx. € 70:00)

Cancellation

Cancellation after first payment:

The registration fee is not refundable. If accommodation was booked, the deposit for the rent may not be refunded.

Cancellation 4 weeks before commencement of the course:

The registration fee is not refundable. If accommodation was booked, the deposit for the rent may not be refunded and 50% of the course deposit fees may not be refunded.

Cancellation 1 day before commencement of the course:

The registration fee is not refundable. If an accommodation was booked, the deposit for the rent may not be refunded and 80% of the deposit for the course fees may not be refunded.



Application / Registration

Application of each student will be made by home university or by students itself by webpage: www.eu-china-misu.de.

Deadlines

- April 1st, 2015: Application deadline
- May 1st, 2015: payment of MISU registration fee, tuition and housing fee

Note: In the interest of maintaining the program's high standards, the number of participants will be limited to 20. Application is based on a first come first served basis. Early application is recommended.

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