



International Study Program “The Church as an Intercultural and International Community”

25 April – 23 July 2022 (Summer Term)

Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal-Bethel (Protestant University Wuppertal-Bethel)

Objective: To create an international and intercultural learning group that equips its participants with intercultural skills and experiences.

This program is a challenge: Nine students of theology, three each from Africa, Asia and Germany, live and learn together at the Protestant University Wuppertal-Bethel (Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal-Bethel), accompanied by the United Evangelical Mission (UEM). They will attend lectures and seminars, meet regularly to reflect what they have learned, and attend some programs outside of the university together. They live as a community in a student hostel directly on campus, accompanied by UEM staff. Excursions to church and inter-religious projects (if possible under Coronavirus regulations) in and around Wuppertal will round out the program.

Who can participate?

Theological students from member churches of the United Evangelical Mission (<https://www.ve mission.org/en/about-uem/who-we-are/uem-film-1.html>) enrolled in a Masters or Doctoral program (deutsche Studierende: Magister oder Pfarramtsstudiengang) in a recognized theological faculty who are interested in acquiring an international perspective and intercultural skills.

It will be ensured that the group is gender balanced. Proficiency in English is a prerequisite.

What will it cost?

Students from Africa and Asia will receive full scholarships from UEM covering room, board, insurance, study fees, transport and pocket money. UEM will also take care of their international travel. Their home churches are asked to cover national travel cost as well as the cost of visa and preparation.

Students from Germany will get a partial scholarship of 250 Euros per month.

How to apply?

You need to submit

- an application letter,
- a CV,
- an endorsement from your church,
- a recommendation from one of your professors,
- an essay of 1,000 words dealing with a topic of your particular interest under the theme of the program.

Please send them, preferably in one pdf document, electronically to gospel@ve mission.org, no later than 10 January 2022.

Participants will be chosen from among the applicants by a committee of representatives from UEM and Protestant University.

* Possible quarantine regulations may mean that students will have to arrive in Germany a few days before this date.

Weekly study program during the term:

A wide choice of classes in English language at the Protestant University:

Poets, Prophets, Slaves - How to Examine Women's Stories in the Hebrew Bible	Geiger
Contours in Systematic Theology	Watson
Intercultural Theology	Wrogemann
The church as a transcultural community in a pluralistic society	Parlindungan / Währisch-Oblau
Religious education in German public schools	Roser

Weekly reflection group meetings under supervision from UEM open the possibility to discuss questions of interest.

Excursions:

Excursions will be arranged according to the interests of the participants if they are possible under Coronavirus regulations.

Time Table:

25-26 April Orientation
27 April Summer term begins
 Studying at Protestant University
 Every Wednesday afternoon: Group reflection meeting
22 July Evaluation
23 July Departure of international participants

Questions?

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