Europa-Universität Flensburg

Studying at the heart of Northern Europe
Dear Readers,

Our university lies on the German-Danish border region, where various cultures and languages come into contact. This cross-border environment offers ideal conditions for Europa-Universität Flensburg, which is committed to living out the European vision of mutual understanding and encounter and to researching how that vision translates into reality.

To support the European vision of encounter and understanding in a time of rising political nationalism, the university has adapted its semester schedule to fit international rhythms. With courses running from March to June and September to December, students and faculty can network more easily with their peers and colleagues worldwide.

Researching the realities that lie behind the European vision is the focus of the Interdisciplinary Center for European Studies (ICES). Promoting the university’s second main research focus, the educational sciences, is the aim of the Center for Educational, Teaching, School and Socialization Research (ZeBUSS).

Europa-Universität Flensburg offers a modern teacher training program based on the “Flensburg model,” which stresses practice-based learning, relevance to the present day, and—again—internationality.

We are committed to educating a generation of students who can understand what we mean when we talk about Europe and defend the diversity of its cultures. Racism and xenophobia, religious intolerance and class privilege—these not only undermine the broader vision behind the European idea, but also stand in opposition to objective, unbiased academic research and teaching. Beyond knowledge and understanding of the worlds of school and work, economy and society, students at our rapidly expanding university should be able to develop ideas that can change those worlds in accordance with our core values here at EUF: diversity, justice, and sustainability.

We hope this brochure will inspire your curiosity about our university. Thank you for your interest!

Prof. Dr. Werner Reinhart, President of Europa-Universität Flensburg
Mission Statement

- We want to open up horizons.

- We are a vibrant and dynamic university in continuous development.

- We work, teach, and research for justice, sustainability and diversity in education, schools, employment, the economy, society, culture and the environment by transcending boundaries.
Why choose EUF?

**A European perspective**
EUF practices on a small scale what Europe strives to be on a large scale. From our German-Danish location we cross internal and external borders, educating people to live, research and develop the process of European integration.

**Internationality**
Our cosmopolitan, international campus brings together students and faculty from over 80 countries. We offer degree programs and courses in English, as well as a trilingual bachelor’s degree program.

**Semester schedule**
To support international networking and exchange, our semester schedule follows that of our more than 100 partner universities from around the world.

**Educational concept**
Education at EUF stresses participation and diversity. Our degree programs focus on research-based learning, interdisciplinarity, and a strong link between theory and practice.

**Cross-border studies**
For over 25 years, Syddansk Universitet in Denmark and Europa-Universität Flensburg have partnered to offer joint degree programs leading to dual degrees.

**The ‘Flensburg Model’**
Outstanding teaching is a lifetime commitment. The ‘Flensburg model’ optimally prepares students in our teacher training program for success as educators in a rapidly changing society.

**Strong support services**
Our university offers a small, close-knit campus community and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Service is one of our keywords.

**Studying by the sea**
Our exceptionally green campus is located near the Flensburg Fjord, one of the most beautiful sailing areas in Europe. The region is characterized by its beaches, sea, and ocean breezes.

**Quality of life**
Situated directly on the fjord, Flensburg has an impressive array of historic buildings, low rents, lively cultural scene, and close proximity to Scandinavia—all of which make the city an excellent place to live and study.

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Studies and teaching

With approximately 5,700 students and currently seventeen degree programs, Europa-Universität Flensburg is a relatively small university. Over 360 scholars, including almost 90 professors, conduct interdisciplinary research and teaching on our campus.

Core areas of study at EUF include educational science, interdisciplinary European studies, teacher training, international management, and environmental sciences / sustainable development. Central to all of these subject areas is the question of how to create a livable, sustainable society. In addition to its teacher training and management programs, our university offers the following degree programs:

The interdisciplinary English-language bachelor’s degree program European Cultures and Society focuses on European studies in the humanities, cultural sciences, and social sciences, as well as on current European research.

At the master’s level, the English-language degree program European Studies gives a political, socio-economic, and cultural perspective on the specific roles of Europe’s various regions.

The master’s program Educational Science: Bildung in Europa — Education in Europe offers teacher training from a European and international perspective.

The master’s program Culture - Language – Media draws on the university’s border location, focusing on cross-border cultural understanding between Scandinavian, German- and English-speaking countries.

The master’s program Energy and Environmental Management investigates the question of how to design a sustainable, climate- and environment-friendly energy system.

The interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary master’s program Transformation Studies addresses the social dimensions of sustainability, with a special focus on the historical and contemporary causes and consequences of complex socio-ecological problems such as climate change, loss of biodiversity or pollution.
EUF has continually deepened its focus on Europe since 2014, when the university officially changed its name to Europa-Universität Flensburg.

Since then, more than ten professorships in European Studies and an English-language bachelor’s degree program in the same field have been created at EUF. The 2018 opening of the Interdisciplinary Center for European Studies (ICES), which promotes research in the history, culture, politics, philosophy, society and economy of Europe from the perspective of the social sciences and humanities, has further strengthened this focus.

European topics and issues are also central to teaching at EUF, where the content of courses and degree programs reflects an awareness of the European context.

Europe means encounter. Wherever people from different backgrounds come into contact with each other in a spirit of curiosity and openness, a space is created for what holds Europe together at its core: the warm, personal connection between one European and another. Living and learning abroad is also essential to career success, as intercultural and foreign language skills rapidly gain importance in the global working world. For this reason, EUF encourages its students to engage in a study semester or internship abroad, already at the bachelor’s level.

To that end, the International Center (IC) offers an impressive array of services to support foreign exchange and study. It helps students find suitable host universities, obtain funding for their time abroad, and secure EUF credit points for coursework taken at the partner university. The center also offers free language courses to students and staff, and supports undergraduate and graduate students and guest lecturers from other countries in an advisory capacity.

EUF’s semester schedule is internationally compatible with that of key partner universities. Courses run from March to June during the spring semester, and from September to December during the fall semester.

Young people from around 70 countries study on the Flensburg campus. Of the approximately 5,700 students at EUF, more than 360 have a foreign passport.
Research at Europa-Universität Flensburg focuses on finding answers to socially relevant questions and furthering academic discussion and exchange. The university’s main areas of research are the educational sciences, interdisciplinary European research, and transformation studies. Interdisciplinary research on relevant key social issues is important at EUF. In addition to their own individual projects, scholars here work with each other across disciplines, institutes and universities in networked research centers. This collaborative approach allows them to tackle complex problems using the methods of different academic disciplines, and to jointly develop new theoretical approaches and innovative concepts.

Europa-Universität Flensburg has two main research centers:

The Center for Research on Education, Teaching, Schools and Socialisation (ZeBUSS), which opened in November 2016, advances basic research on educational processes in and outside of the school classroom.

The Interdisciplinary Centre for European Studies (ICES), founded in March 2018, promotes research on the complex processes of European development, drawing on perspectives and methods from the humanities and social sciences.

The university is also home to the following research institutions:

- The Institute for the Contemporary and Regional History of Schleswig-Holstein (IZRG) researches and disseminates information about Schleswig-Holstein’s regional contemporary history in a suprarregional and international context.
- The Norbert Elias Center for Transformation Design & Research (NEC) investigates the possibilities for social change under the principle of sustainability, against a background of climate change, resource scarcity, and environmental pollution.
- The Center for Small and Regional Languages (KURS) supports research on small and regional languages from a linguistic, literary and cultural studies perspective, with special emphasis on multilingualism in the Schleswig region.
- The Dr. Werner Jackstädt Center (DWJZ) brings together the research, teaching and knowledge transfer activities of Europa-Universität Flensburg and the Flensburg University of Applied Sciences in the fields of entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) research.
- The Center for Sustainable Energy Systems (ZNES), another joint institution of Europa-Universität Flensburg and the Flensburg University of Applied Sciences, develops and implements environmentally and climate friendly energy systems and technologies for the long term.
Teacher training: The Flensburg Model

Teaching is a fulfilling and complex profession. Charged with providing the best possible support to help young people learn, teachers carry a great responsibility. Beyond a thorough knowledge of the didactic subject matter, they need to know how to develop optimal learning conditions for students, how to continually adapt their teaching to fit the needs of students, and how to build good relationships with their students. In addition, they must be able to reflect on their own actions as educators. EUF offers teacher training for all school levels and types, from primary school to vocational college.

The essential characteristics of our Flensburg Model of teacher training include the following:

- A flexible bachelor’s degree program which allows graduates to pursue a master’s degree in a field other than teaching, should they prefer that option.
- A curriculum that includes extensive educational science components (pedagogy, education and psychology)
- Courses that closely intertwine subject matter proficiency with subject-specific teaching expertise
- Skill training in German as a second language, inclusion, dealing with heterogeneity, diagnosis and promotion, and media education
- Intensive practical training that includes an orientation internship at the start of the bachelor’s degree program, a subject-related didactic internship halfway through it, and a practical semester during master’s degree studies.
- Proactive support for study and/or internship abroad during the course of study, based on the view that understanding foreignness is indispensable to teachers in today’s increasingly heterogeneous school classrooms.

More than in any other European country, in Germany a student’s educational success depends strongly on her or his place of origin. We would like to help change this.

Management studies in Flensburg

As European integration, globalization, and migration dissolve national and cultural borders, management within companies and organizations is becoming more dynamic, complex, and demanding.

The management studies programs in Flensburg are international and interdisciplinary right from the start. Language training and business cultural studies courses supplement the economic modules. Students can choose to focus on either Spanish or Danish. Courses are taught in German, English, Danish and Spanish.

As they are jointly offered by Europa-Universität Flensburg and Syddansk Universitet (SDU) in Denmark, a German-Danish dual degree option is also possible. Students who opt to pursue the dual degree study two days a week on the SDU campus in Sønderborg, and at the Europa-Universität Flensburg on the remaining days.

Europa-Universität Flensburg wants its graduates to become responsible managers who work in a sustainable manner. Thus, the social impact and ethical dimensions of economic structures and operational practice play an important role in our courses.

The International Institute for Management and Economic Education (IIM) supports the following core teaching and research areas: strategy and organization, organizational behavior and human resource management, SMEs and entrepreneurship, educational research, Europe in the age of globalization, and diversity and justice in the job market.

Teaching, research and study at IIM takes place close to the city center, in the historic brick building of the former nautical college opposite the Flensburg Brewery. Courses offer an informal atmosphere in which students receive personalized support.
A breath of fresh sea air, the cry of seagulls—life on the EUF campus is attuned to nature and the sea. Located in Sandberg, the university with its extensive grounds lies in close proximity to the ‘Hafenspitze’ at the tip of the Flenburg Fjord. Nearly 10,000 students from both Europa-Universität Flensburg and the Flensburg University of Applied Sciences study here. When the weather is nice, students and researchers often move outside of the barrier-free buildings to sit in the student community garden, or under the birches and willows of one of the many meadows on campus.

The EUF participates in the city of Flensburg’s climate pact, with its ambitious goal of achieving climate neutrality for the entire region by 2050. To that end, Europa-Universität Flensburg, the Flensburg University of Applied Sciences, and the city of Flensburg are working together to expand the bicycle infrastructure in the city itself, as well as between the campus and the city.

With its large CampusFitness® center, extensive activity program with more than 200 courses per week in 50 different sports, opening hours 365 days a year, low prices, and excellent support services, the EUF sports center is one of the best university sports centers in all of Germany. The internationally successful 5g Flensburg-Handewitt handball team trains on campus in the Flens Arena.

In terms of academic life, the EUF offers students and researchers an array of support services. The Central Student Advising Office, the Registrar’s Office, the Admissions Office, and the Service Center for Examination Matters handle administrative and organizational matters and help students resolve any problems that may arise during their studies. The Internship Office assists teacher training students with the organization of school internships and practical semesters in schools. Students who wish to study abroad, or who come to the EUF from abroad, find an impressive range of services at the International Center. As a supplement to these resources, student helpers known as the ‘Campus Angels’ offer practical information and advice to incoming students at the start of each semester.
Region

Sønderjylland or Southern Jutland, the territory of the former Duchy of Schleswig, is a special region. For centuries it has been the German-Danish borderland. For a long time, the relationship between Germans and Danes in Special Jutland, Northern Schleswig and Sydslesvig, and Southern Schleswig was marked by wars, shifting borders, and the German occupation of Denmark during World War II. Today, the region’s multilingual minority and majority populations include Germans, Danes and Frisians who live together peacefully on both sides of the border and celebrate joint literary and music festivals.

The region between the North Sea and the Baltic Sea is a gateway to Scandinavia. The laid-back attitude of the Danes rubs off on their neighbors. Far from the metropolitan centers and right in the middle of one of Germany’s most beautiful holiday regions, life here is a little more relaxed than it is elsewhere. There is always time for walks, sailing, stand-up paddling, or beach parties.

"The German-Danish border is beautiful. It runs through a fjord that can be seen as a postcard, swings over hilly shores, separates fields, woods and meadows, attracts lakes rich in fish, and divides pastureland where German and Danish sheep wonder inconclusively about their differences."  

Siegfried Lenz
The city of Flensburg

Ships sailed from the Flensburg Fjord out into the world's oceans for 700 years, 400 of them under the Danish flag. That flag made Flensburg rich during the 18th and 19th centuries, as the city's merchant fleet brought back sugar and rum from the plantations of the Danish Caribbean colony in the West Indies. Today, slave labor as the historical basis of Flensburg's wealth is the subject of city tours and the Flensburg maritime museum.

The city's long past as part of the Kingdom of Denmark can still be seen in its unique mixture of German and Danish cultures. Flensburg's centuries-old history as a shipping, port and trading city can also be felt in the cosmopolitan attitude of its almost 95,000 inhabitants. People from 125 nations live here peacefully together.

The sea still plays a major role, as countless masts of historical and modern sailing ships sway alongside steamships, tugs and fishing boats at the landing stages of the fjord. Behind the harbor, steep roads climb the hills of the town center on both sides of the fjord. As Flensburg suffered little damage during the Second World War, there is an abundance of beautiful and inexpensive flats in the city's numerous Art Nouveau buildings and captains' homes. Boutiques, bistros, rum distilleries and wine taverns fill the historic merchant yards.

The heart of Flensburg is the tip of the fjord or 'Hafenspitze.' Here, the locals brave the weather from as early as April for a game of 'KUBB,' a walk along the water, a barbecue and a beer, a fish sandwich, or to make music.
There are over 5,700 registered students at EUF.
(Fall Semester 2017).

The university has almost 90 professors.

About 10% of the inhabitants of Flensburg are students at Europa-Universität Flensburg or the Flensburg University of Applied Sciences.

People in this region speak Danish, Sønderjysk, German, Low German and various dialects of Frisian—as well as the languages of people from 125 other countries.

70% of our students are female.

The distance from the Flensburg ‘Hafenspitze’ to the Danish border is 8.8 kilometers.

With its hanging shoes, Flensburg’s Norderstraße is one of the 18 craziest streets in the world.

*according to the New York travel magazine Travel + Leisure