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Welcome to the European University Viadrina!

Dear international guests,

The Department Viadrina International Affairs would like to welcome you to the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder).

For a good start at our university, we have compiled this information booklet to give you a first glimpse of everyday university life in the twin city of Frankfurt (Oder)-Ślůbice. On the following pages you will find out more about the history of the Viadrina, as well as organizational facts and recommendations for leisure activities in the region around Frankfurt (Oder).

We are honored to welcome you at our university with its very special setting in the heart of Europe and we are looking forward to spending a pleasant time with you.

Enjoy your stay!

Petra Weber

Director of Viadrina International Affairs





The European University Viadrina

Your Study in the Heart of Europe

Situated right alongside the Oder River, which marks the border between the two states Germany and Poland, the university's geographical location underlines the international profile of the institution. Since its re-establishment in 1991 as a result of the German reconciliation, Viadrina has been actively pursuing the mission to overcome national borders, in particular those towards the eastern European countries.

Already in the past, for more than three hundred years (from 1506 to 1811) Frankfurt (Oder) used to be the home of the first public university of the principality of Brandenburg, the Alma Mater Viadrina. It enjoyed great repute as an institution of learning for individuals who later played an important part in shaping and staffing the civil service of this principality as well as the Prussian state. The matriculation rolls of the old Viadrina include the well-known names of Ulrich von Hutten, the composer Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, the theologian

Thomas Müntzer, the poet and dramatist Heinrich von Kleist, a native son of Frankfurt (Oder), and the brothers Alexander and Wilhelm von Humboldt. At any given time, large numbers of students from Lithuania, Poland as well as other central and eastern European countries were enrolled at the university, which for many apprising young scholars often became a first academic base for their exploration of European scholarship.

Viadrina has preserved this European heritage over time and represents today an established meeting ground for scholars and students from the East, the West, both sides of the river and from all over the world. In our daily work here, our efforts are not limited to the intensive support of instruction in foreign languages alone – they are extended to include the entire range of learning opportunities offered by the three faculties: the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics, the Faculty of Law, and the Faculty of Social and Cultural Studies. A prime



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focus of Viadrina's educational program is to attract students worldwide in order to create a multinational student body which constitutes the university's unique intercultural atmosphere.

Although being one of the country's smallest universities, Viadrina has one of the highest percentages of international students in Germany. About one fourth of our students come from foreign countries. The opportunity to study together with young, motivated individuals from all over the world is regarded as a great enrichment of both one's academic and personal life as it leads to the development of close contacts, frequently

deepening into long lasting friendships. This human potential represents an important treasure, one that we wish to cultivate and preserve.

European University Viadrina will continue its development on this positive basis, having as its aim the further improvement of educational conditions and research according to its wish to promote a greater coherence of our united Europe. In the future, European University Viadrina will continue to make every effort to promote and to expand its international character and will continue to open up new perspectives which will take us above and beyond traditional borders.

“It is at institutions like Viadrina where a new transeuropean society will emerge; this new generation will be aware of intercultural differences, seek after common solutions and remain frank with its counterparts.”

Marek Prawda, Polish Diplomat (2006)



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Contact Information

Viadrina International Affairs

With more than 270 partner universities worldwide and over 400 exchange students from all over the world every year, the European University Viadrina is one of the most international universities in Germany.

The Department Viadrina International Affairs is the central contact point for all questions concerning the internationalization of the university. It manages, coordinates and promotes international relations and partnerships and it is responsible for all questions concerning studies, researching and teaching in another country.

In addition, it advises and informs students, doctoral candidates and colleagues about a stay abroad as well as their financing opportunities and scholarships. The Department also provides support for foreign students at Viadrina and helps with everyday problems as well as with particular academic difficulties.

Feel free to visit us on the campus in Auditorium Maximum building during our opening hours. Alternatively, you can also contact us by email or phone.

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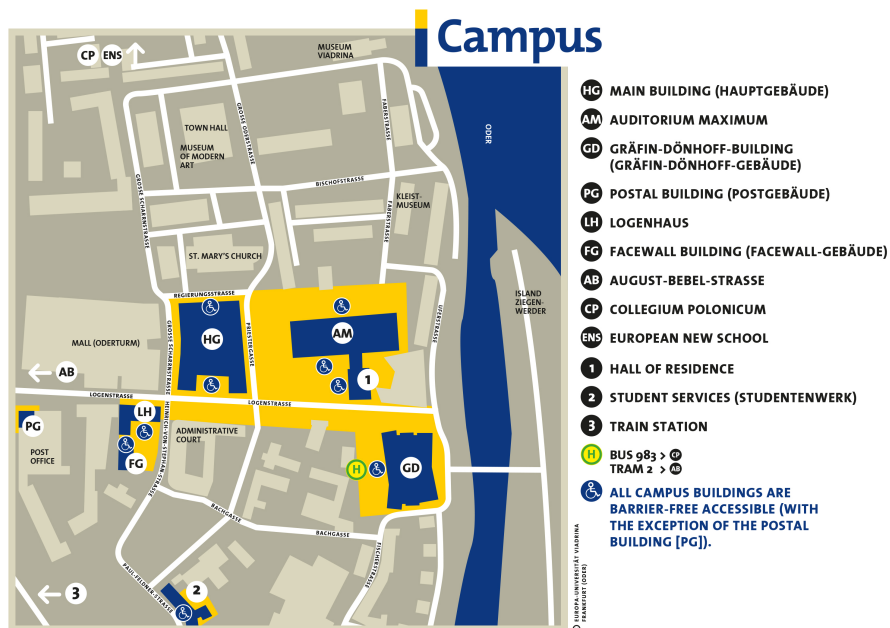
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City Map of Frankfurt (Oder)





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Public transport

Local City Transportation of Frankfurt (Oder)

- single ticket 1.80 EUR
- with a semester ticket: free of charge

www.svf-ffo.de

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Regional Trains: Going from Frankfurt (Oder) to Berlin or other cities in Brandenburg

If you are going to Berlin we recommend to buy a **day ticket** for the entire **VBB network** for 22.00 EUR. It allows you to travel from Frankfurt to Berlin and back again in one day. The ticket is valid for both regional trains and city traffic in Berlin.

If you have a **semester ticket** you can use all regional trains in the VBB network as well as city traffic in Berlin free of charge.

www.vbb.de/en

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Long-Distance Traffic: Traveling all over Germany and Europe

If you are traveling to another federal state (Bundesland) or to other European countries, you can use the services provided by Deutsche Bahn.

Further information you can find on the website of Deutsche Bahn or their local DB travel center at the train station of Frankfurt (Oder).

www.bahn.com/en



What about a trip to the baroque city of Dresden or to Poznań, one of the oldest cities in in Poland?





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& Summer highlights in Frankfurt (Oder)

Theatre Festival UNITHEA

Unithea is a German-Polish theatre festival, which has been organized and carried out by students as part of a practice-oriented seminar at the Viadrina. The focus of the festival is on theatre, it is enriched by concerts, exhibitions and much more.

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City Festival "Bunter Hering – Swawolny Koguczik"

The largest German-Polish city festival is a highlight in the region and attracts over 100,000 visitors every year. Parish fairs, historical markets, various national and international acts - there's something here for everyone on both sides of the Oder!

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Short Night of the Frankfurt Museums

With a duration of six hours the „Short Night of the Frankfurt Museums“ is actually quite long. Between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. you can visit the exhibitions and events of five cultural institutions in Frankfurt (Oder), such as Brandenburg State Museum of Modern Art, the Marienkirche, the Viadrina Museum, the Kleist Museum and the City and Regional Library. The entry to all houses is free of charge.

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Further events and exact dates can be found under the following link:

www.tourismus-ffo.de/en/culture/



Restaurants and Bars in Frankfurt (Oder) & *Stubice*

EinsBe
Restaurant /
Café

Gartenstraße 1b
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours:
Tue-Sat: 11:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Frankfurter
Kartoffelhaus**
Restaurant /
Café

Holzmarkt 7
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours:
Mon-Sun: 11:30 a.m. onwards

Lucca
Italian
Restaurant

Logenstraße 13a
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours:
Mon-Sun: 12:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Nirwana
Indian
Restaurant

Marktplatz 3
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours:
Mon-Sun: 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

WG Bar

Große Scharrnstraße 11a
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours:
Mon-Sun: 6:00 p.m. onwards

**Turm
Restaurant**

Restaurant with
a view over the
whole city from
the 24th floor of
the Oderturm!



Restaurant with
a view over the
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**Brot und
Zucker**
Café

Brunnenplatz 1
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours:
Mo: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tue - Fr: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Halbzeit
Cocktailbar

Bischofstraße 15
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours:
Mo-Sun: 5:00 p.m. onwards

Havana Bar
Bar

Am Graben 4
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours:
Tue-Sun: 6:00 p.m. onwards

London Pub
Bar & Pool

Plac Przyjaźni 23a
69-100 Stubice, Poland
Opening hours:
Mon-Sun: 2:00 p.m. onwards

Villa Casino
Polish
Restaurant

Mickiewicz 11
69-100 Stubice, Poland
Opening hours:
Mon-Sun: 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Pizzeria
Europa**
Italian
Restaurant

Jedności Robotniczej 1
69-100 Stubice, Poland
Opening hours:
11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.



“We must make a journey around the world to see if a back door has perhaps been left open.”

Heinrich von Kleist, German writer

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Museums, Theatres

&

Concert Halls

Kleist Museum

Exhibition: Heinrich von Kleist & various events

Faberstraße 7
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)

Opening hours:
Tue-Sun: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
www.heinrich-von-kleist.org

Brandenburg State Museum of Modern Art
Eastern German Art Museum

a) Rathaushalle, Marktplatz 1
b) PackHof, Carl-Philipp-Emanuel Bach-Straße 11
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)

Opening hours:
Tue-Sun: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
www.blmk.de

Viadrina Museum
Exhibition on the History of Frankfurt (Oder)

Carl-Philipp-Emanuel-Bach-Straße 11
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours:
Tue-Sun: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
www.museum-viadrina.de

Kleist-Forum
Theatre, Concerts & Events

Platz der Einheit 1
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours depend on the events
www.muv-ffo.de/kleistforum-index.htm

Concert Hall
Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
Classical & Jazzconcerts and more

Lebuser Mauerstraße 4
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
Opening hours depend on the events
www.muv-ffo.de/konzerthalle-bach.htm



Further Cultural Institutions

Theater des Lachens

Puppet Theatre for children,
adults and families

Ziegelstraße 31
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)

Opening hours depend on the events

www.theaterdeslachens.de

Die Oderhähne

Satirical Theatre & Cabaret

Marktplatz 3
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)

Opening hours:

Tue-Fr: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

www.oderhaehne.de

Theater Frankfurt/ Theater im Schuppen e.V.

Independent Theatre

Sophienstraße 1
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)

Opening hours depend on the events

www.theater-ff.de

Kulturmanufaktur Gerstenberg

Cultural Centre

Ziegelstraße 28a
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)

Opening hours depend on the events

www.facebook.com/KM.Gerstenberg/

SMOK

Cultural Centre & Cinema

1 Maja 1
69-101 Ślubice, Polen

Opening hours depend on the events

www.facebook.com/SMOKSlubice/

CineStar

Cinema

Große Scharrnstraße 68-71
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)

www.cinestar.de/kino-frankfurt-oder



Churches & Religious Communities

Catholic Parish „Heilig Kreuz“

Franz-Mehring-Str. 4
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
www.heilig-kreuz-ffo.de

Protestant Parish of Frankfurt (Oder) - Lebus

Gertraudenplatz 6
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
www.evangelische-kirche-ffo.de

Orthodox Church

Bolesława Krzywoustego
69-100 Słubice
www.slubice.cerkiew.pl

Jewish Community

Halbe Stadt 30
15230 Frankfurt (Oder)
gemeinde-ffo@web.de

Muslim Community „Muslims on the Oder“

Leipziger Str. 182
15232 Frankfurt (Oder)
www.facebook.com/Verein-Muslime-an-der-Oder-232102443648780/

Ecumenical Europe-Centre Frankfurt (Oder)

Charity Association dedicated to interconfessional and inter-religious dialogue with the focus on Eastern Europe
www.oec-ff.de



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Sports & *Physical Activities*

Universitätssportclub Viadrina e. V. (USC)

The Universitätssportclub Viadrina e. V. (USC, University Athletic Club) not only offers many types of athletic activities, but it boasts its own athletic center and becoming active in the athletic club is a great way to make new friends.

Fencing, dancing, rowing, badminton, combat sports, ball games and much more!

www.usc-viadrina.de

Additional athletic activities

- [Sports Centre of Frankfurt \(Oder\)](#)

- [Rowing Club](#)

TIP The Club is providing also „come and try“ sessions.

- [Handball Club](#)

- [General German Cycling Club \(ADFC\)](#)

- [Stadtssportbund Frankfurt \(Oder\) e.V.](#)

- [ViaRunning \(Charity Run\)](#)

- [Swing Nights Frankfurt \(Oder\)](#)

TIP Outdoor Social Dance Nights, also most suitable for beginners.

- [Dancing Classes at the Adult Education Centre \(Volkshochschule\)](#)

- [Diving School „Seelöwen“](#)

- [Indoor Swimming Pool](#)

- [Watersport Centre Helene-See](#)

TIP The Helenesee is a lake situated close to Frankfurt (Oder) and invites to swim, play volleyball and a lot more activities especially in the summer months.

- lots of additional activities: Facebook group [FFO macht Sport](#)



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& Popular destinations in the region around Frankfurt (Oder)

Neuzelle Monastery Complex

Neuzelle Abbey in the south of Frankfurt (Oder) is one of the last fully preserved monastery complexes in Europe. On the area of the monastery complex you can admire magnificent churches, the monastery garden and other baroque art treasures. The last producing monastery brewery in Brandenburg is also located in the small town of Neuzelle. Beer has been brewed there for over 430 years according to the old German craft tradition and can also be tasted.

www.750jahre-klosterneuzelle.de/en/



Socialist planned city Eisenhüttenstadt

Enthusiasts of regional history and architecture should visit Eisenhüttenstadt. Built in the 1950s as East Germany's first socialist city, Eisenhüttenstadt is nowadays the largest area monument in Germany. Entire residential complexes are under heritage protection and have been extensively modernized. The Museum "Documentation centre everyday culture of the GDR" in the city center features exhibitions on the GDR's politics, society and culture.

www.alltagskultur-ddr.de

Unesco Biosphere Reserve "Spreewald"

The "Spreewald" is famous for its unique lacework of canals hemmed in by forest and for producing more than 40,000 tonnes of gherkins every year. Visitors come to this Unesco Biosphere Reserve to hike, fish, canoe or kayak on its extensive network of waterways. You can easily reach Lübbenau, the main tourist town of "Spreewald", by train from Frankfurt (Oder).

www.spreewald.de/en/



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Emergency Services Number

Fire Department, Ambulance 112

Police 110

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