Founded in 1472 in the city of Ingolstadt and relocated to Munich in 1826, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) can look back on a rich academic tradition encompassing almost 550 years. Its reputation for outstanding academic achievement is known around the world. LMU is a founding member of the League of European Research Universities (LERU) and cooperates closely with more than 500 international partner universities and research institutes. These cooperations cover areas ranging from academic contacts and student exchanges to the design of joint degree programs and sophisticated summer programs.

By continuing to follow the path of global networking with renowned partners on all continents, LMU fosters international research and exchange. For several years there has also been a focus on cooperation with Chinese universities, which is exemplified in the CSC-Program and above all in the China Academic Network project, established with leading research universities in the fields of Life Sciences, Health, Environmental and Geosciences, Humanities and Social Sciences. By offering a wide range of programs and a tailor-made Europeans Studies program especially for partner universities, the Munich International Summer University (MISULMU) supports the objectives of LMU.

For international students, MISULMU is an opportunity to experience LMU at a personal level. Regardless of whether they take part in a Summer Academy or in one of the German Language Courses, they benefit from access to renowned professors and teachers who will inspire them to broaden their knowledge and thinking. Besides, all MISULMU programs include extracurricular social and cultural activities, enabling participants to gain valuable insights into a new culture during their stay.

The array of Summer Academies and Partner Programs has been continually expanding. Last year, more than 1.000 participants representing almost 90 nationalities took part in the Summer University.

Due to the extraordinary situation following the pandemic, some courses had to be cancelled this summer, others did take place online as remote learning courses, and with greater acceptance than expected.

We would like to thank all those who supported MISU, especially in this challenging year.

September 2020
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Vice President for International Affairs and Diversity, LMU Munich
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MISU at a GLANCE

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MISU® at a GLANCE

History

During the 1920s and 1930s LMU Munich hosted summer courses pertaining to German language and literature. The first course to be documented was a German language class in the summer of 1927. After a hiatus lasting several decades, LMU Munich restarted its summer activities in 1998, then under the name of Internationaler Münchner Sommer. Subsequently, the number of language classes has grown, along with the establishment of completely new Summer Academies covering a broad range of academic subjects. In 2008, LMU’s summer courses were integrated into the Munich International Summer University, or MISU®, giving a distinct vision and common standards to the various programs as well as consolidating its role as an international institution of LMU Munich.

Concept and Key Features

Summer programs are valued as an instrument for improving the profile of a university and a chance to showcase its academic strengths to an international cohort of students and their home universities. As an institution of LMU Munich, MISU® curriculars are developed and classes held by LMU staff, partly in cooperation with outstanding German and international partners. All courses guarantee a high academic standard. Small classes, as well as modern and interactive teaching methods, ensure that students are fully engaged in their studies. In general, it is possible to earn credits (usually ECTS credit points in accordance with the European Credit Transfer System) for MISU® Summer Academies and Language Courses. The programs are academically intensive, but offer far more than an academic experience alone, as the participants also learn a great deal about their host city and country during their stay. In addition, the students are supported by a broad spectrum of services, such as detailed prearrival information and the organization of their accommodation. All MISU® courses and activities are of a non-profit nature: the fees for participants are calculated to cover the costs only. And, of course, MISU® strives to offer financial aid too, in order to facilitate participation. In 2011, all members of the MISU® Academic Board approved a concept which includes these key features.

Objectives

MISU® aims at providing its participants with high-level academic knowledge as well as an unforgettable stay in Munich, while simultaneously enhancing the international visibility of LMU Munich and its academic strengths. Summer programs are also valued as a means of developing international cooperation with partner institutions. For international students, MISU® offers an excellent opportunity to gain insight into research and teaching at LMU. Courses can serve both as an alternative to longer exchange programs as well as a pathway to further studies, thus increasing student mobility and attracting students of extraordinary caliber. Furthermore, MISU® is designed as a long-term undertaking, with a spectrum of courses representing the relevant academic subjects of LMU Munich. Hence to increase the number of Summer Academies is another important objective for the future.

Responsibilities

The MISU® Academic Board, which merged with the Advisory board of the LMU International Office functions as an advisory panel and is responsible for both quality control and quality assurance. Six people are members of the board: the Vice President for International Office, who acts as chair; three LMU professors, each of whom represents a different discipline - the social sciences, the natural sciences, and German language and literature studies - and who advise on academic matters; the head of the International Office and the executive director of the IUCM, who advise the board on administrative and non-academic concerns.

Three parties shoulder MISU®’s practical organization. As part of the administration of LMU Munich, the MISU® office is the point of contact within the university. The International University Club Munich (IUCM) is responsible for logistics. Academic staff members of LMU Munich prepare schedules and select participants, along with holding classes, testing, and writing certificates.

See affixes for an organizational chart and the names of the current board members.
MISU® OFFICE AND MANAGEMENT

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Organization

The International University Club Munich (IUCM) is a „Verein (e.V.)“, a registered non-profit association of former LMU students. In 1998 it restarted the tradition of summer schools at LMU Munich from 1927 under the name „International Summer Munich“. The ISU lasted until the summer of 2007, when the Munich International Summer University (MISU®) was established as a successor organization. Since then the MISU® has been coordinating existing summer programs, cooperating in developing new ones, and promoting communication about MISU® within the LMU, to LMU partners, and to interested people around the world.

The IUCM is responsible for the administration and continuity of MISU® in close partnership with LMU’s International Office. Their shared goal is to enhance the internationality of LMU Munich by assisting international students. The cooperation between LMU Munich and the IUCM is laid down in an agreement, through which IUCM assumes responsibility for MISU®’s organization. IUCM’s activities include the management of all financial issues, accommodation usually in student residences, excursions and the social and cultural program, plus the handling of the application process for several courses.

Events

Normally there are two prominent MISU® events during the year: the Annual Meeting of the program managers and the MISU® Welcome Event.

The Annual Meeting is a get-together of those involved in the organization of a MISU® Language Course or Summer Academy. The 2020 Annual Meeting in April was cancelled due to COVID-19. Course directors and course organizers, staff of LMU’s International Office, the MISU® Office and the IUCM would have participated and discussed their most recent experiences. The Annual Meeting is primarily conceived of as an information exchange concerning solutions put forward by other MISU® course staff, in particular with respect to practical questions. The program for the coming year is another important item on the agenda as well as the evaluation of MISU® for the past year.

The Welcome Event in August is one of a few opportunities to meet students from other courses, thus giving an impression of MISU® as a whole. This year it was cancelled due to COVID-19. The MISU® director, Kai Wede, would have given a warm welcome to the approximately 500 guests. Afterwards MISU® participants, teachers, and invited guests would have had the opportunity to engage in conversation while enjoying traditional Bavarian food and drinks to the sound of international music sent in by the participating summer school students.

Network and Communication

The MISU® office networks both within LMU and externally. University-internal communication involves the administration - most notably the University Executive Board - on the one hand, and members of the academic staff, on the other.

In the light of the fact that the internet is essentially the main source of information worldwide, the maintenance and actualization of the MISU® sites is a main concern of all involved parties. The summer courses portal of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the portal of the Bavarian State Ministry of Sciences and the Arts and other instructional summer school portals are also instrumental in informing young people around the globe. Flyers and posters for MISU® are produced in-house by the IUCM. Platforms which report regularly on MISU® include: the newsletter of the International Office and LMU’s international newsletter (insightLMU).

Key contacts are the LMU representatives in the US, China and Brazil, as well as the colleagues at International Offices of LMU partner universities. This is often just as true of people encountered at visits, fairs, and other events, and delegations visiting the International Office of LMU Munich.
MISU® Summer Academies offer high-level instruction in various scientific subject areas of LMU Munich; opportunities range from demanding undergraduate courses via advanced seminars to practical research experience. Held in English, they are an excellent opportunity for international students to gain a valuable first insight into researching and teaching at LMU. MISU® always strives to enhance the number and to broaden the spectrum of subjects of its Summer Academies.

In 2020, a total of 13 programs were organized in the fields of law, media, economics and entrepreneurship, political sciences, medicine and natural sciences.

**Happened online in 2020:**
- Global Entrepreneurship Summer School (GESS)
- Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation (FAV)
- Machine Learning and Data Analytics in Finance and Accounting (MDA)

**Cancelled due to COVID-19:**
- Oncology Winter School (OWS)
- Neurology Winter School (NWS)
- Medical Research Summer School (MedR)
- Munich University Summer Training in German and European Law (MUST)
- Munich Advanced Course in International Law (MACIL)
- European Studies (Vienna – Prague – Munich) (ES)
- Middle East Studies (Munich – Vienna) (MEIA)
- Munich Summer Curriculum (MSC): Electronic Media + Internship
- Summer Research “From Molecules to Behaviour” (Amgen Scholars Program)
- Management Practices and Corporate Communications in a Global Environment (IM)
The Global Entrepreneurship Summer School (GESS) is a collaborative project of the four university-based entrepreneurship centers in Munich.

The Global Entrepreneurship Summer School (GESS) is a seven-day program where 140 university students come together in Munich, Querétaro, Shanghai and Cape Town to develop entrepreneurial solutions that meet the world’s biggest challenges. In the spirit of promoting “Billion Euro Projects To Take Climate Action”, we work on the UN Sustainable Development Goals aiming to empower students to become young responsible leaders who create positive change in our society. In recent years, the program has been implemented physically at the four different sites, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a completely new format was created this year - the first virtual GESS.

Topics and objectives: At GESS, you will work in international and interdisciplinary teams on region-specific problems to develop your own idea that presents both a sustainable impact on society and a self-sustaining, profitable business model. Throughout GESS, your team will be partnered with a coach who will provide you with feedback and assistance on any technical questions, like how to test your idea with the community on-site. A series of interactive input sessions by renowned entrepreneurs will provide you with the complementary knowledge.

At the end of the course, you and your team will pitch your idea to a wide public audience – and you should definitely not miss the celebration afterwards!

Target group and application: All undergraduate and graduate students, aged 18 – 35 from all fields of study are welcome to apply.

Certificates: A certificate is awarded to all participants upon successful completion of the program.

Future prospects: There is a strong intent to continue this program in the following years. Next year’s topic will be announced on the website: www.globalsummerschool.org

www.globalsummerschool.org
Remote Financial Statement Analysis and Valuation since 2018

LMU Munich, Institute for Accounting, Auditing and Analysis (AAA)

This course aims at making participants familiar with firms’ financial statements and financial statement analysis by enabling them to read and analyze them to their professional benefit. Hence, participants learn to consume, analyze and forecast financial statements. Adopting a user perspective, the program moves beyond the technical aspects of financial reporting and preparing accounts. Instead, based on these fundamentals, participants are able to understand the firm’s past business activities through the lens of financial statements. The course seeks to enable students to forecast a firm’s future business activities and to conduct a sound fundamental equity valuation to challenge market prices of real-world companies.

The aims of this course are threefold:

• To introduce students to financial reporting as the “language of business”. Participants learn to analyze and interpret financial statements in order to assess the key drivers of the underlying business
• To develop a structured forecast of the key value drivers as the most important ingredient of a company’s valuation. Especially important for managers, auditors, regulators, analysts and investors
• To apply the most common valuation models to challenge the current stock prices of real-world companies. Participants are able to critically assess assumptions inherent in stock prices
• To reach these goals, participants will examine several cases, readings, and/or films that will help students to understand how corporate communications relate to international management. Considerable emphasis will be placed on simulations and role-playing as well.

This program is offered for Bachelor graduates, Masters graduates and young scientists as well as to support their successful placement in attractive fields of activity.

Prerequisites for participation are a good command of written and spoken English. Lectures, presentations and examinations are held in English. Knowledge of German is not a prerequisite. The program will continue in 2020.

www.fav-misu.de
Remote Machine Learning and Data Analytics in Finance and Accounting (MDA) since 2019

LMU Munich, Institute for Accounting, Auditing and Analysis (AAA)

An increasingly complex global business environment requires firms’ to make use of the large amounts of data out there in order to make better decisions. Machine learning allows to “automatically detect patterns in data, and then use the uncovered patterns to predict future data” (K. Murphy, Research Scientist at Google).

Using data analytics techniques, large data and detected patterns can be visualized and communicated to decision makers. Both, rapidly evolve and change businesses as well as companies’ financial processes. This opens up the possibility of using machine learning approaches to cope with complicated real-world financial problems that are too complex for humans.

As a result of participating in this course, a student is expected to

- understand the goals and capabilities of machine learning
- apply machine learning approaches using Python to real-world financial problems
- use important data analytics methods in Python to evaluate large data sets

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www.mda-misu.de
MISU German Language Courses

MISU German Language Courses are available at beginners’, intermediate, and advanced levels; one of the courses also prepares for a DSH- or TestDaF-examination, a prerequisite for a degree study in Germany. Specialist classes, such as the „Fit for...“ courses complement the offer of MISU German Courses.

Happened online in 2020:

- Remote Summer German Language Course
- Remote Study Preparation Program

Happened in Munich as planned:

- DSH- and TestDaF Preparation Course

Cancelled due to COVID-19:

- Fit for the B2 Certificate
- Fit for Management and Job
Remote Summer German Language Course
since 1998

International University Club Munich (IUCM e.V.)

These four-week language courses have been offered by IUCM since 1998 in close cooperation with the International Office of LMU Munich, and have been part of the MISU® since its beginning.

Topics and objectives: Participants aim to develop four basic skills: speaking, reading, writing, and listening. Special focus is laid on communication, in particular in the areas of culture and academic study. The courses also explore and examine social contexts with a look at everyday life and culture in Munich, and are supplemented by a variety of activities - such as excursions to points of local cultural significance. Trained language teachers, as well as student tutors, are prepared to help the participants along during the program’s various events. Since 2012 additional phonetics tutorials and theater workshops have been provided. In 2019, 274 students participated in the course, 50 of them participated in the theater workshop and 65 in the phonetics tutorial.

Target group and application: The course is designed for foreign students in all areas of study.

Certificates: By regularly attending the classes students are awarded a certificate with ECTS credit points. This certificate details the number of lessons attended as well as the content and language level of the course in accordance with the regulations of the Council of Europe’s Common European Framework.

Future prospects: The course will definitely continue; only the number of courses of each language level varies during the years.

www.ssk-misu.de
Since 1996 the Study Preparation Program by LMU has been organized by the International University Club Munich (IUCM). Since 2013 the LMU partner Deutsch-Uni Online and Deutschkurse bei der Universität München e.V. joined in close cooperation with the International Office of LMU Munich.

Topics and objectives: LMU’s percentage of international students is about 15%, and several hundreds of foreign students take advantage of various study abroad programs – such as Erasmus – every year. The aim of the preparation courses is to provide these students with an intensive German language instruction, whilst giving them an orientation to student life in Munich as well, so that their studies will get off to a good start. Thus the language part is focused upon the review and development of language fundamentals for study purposes.

Target group and application: Students with all levels of German knowledge, especially those who plan to continue studying at LMU as a degree or exchange student, can apply.

Certificates: By regularly attending the course students are awarded a certificate with ECTS credit points. This certificate details the number of lessons attended as well as the content and language level of the course in accordance with the regulations of the Council of Europe’s Common European Framework.

Future prospects: The program will certainly continue; only the number of classes varies during the years.

www.lmu-preparation.de
Deutschkurse bei der Universität München (DKfA e.V.)

is an Intensive Course for advanced learners that Deutschkurse bei der Universität München e.V offers prior to the DSH or TestDaF exams in cooperation with the Office for International Office at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität of Munich and the „Munich International Summer University“ (MISU®). These exams are required for admission to higher education in Germany.

Language Program: Improving previous knowledge of German and at the same time preparing for the DSH exam and TestDaF exam: becoming familiar with the test format and practicing individual sections.

There is the opportunity to participate in the internal DSH in August.

Examination Fee: 95 Euros

Target Group: Advanced learners of German with language level B2/C1 (in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

German language learners, university applicants, students and graduates in all disciplines.

Information on date, cost, cultural program, ECTS credits, registration and payment: MISU Summer Courses: general information

www.dkfa.de/programm/Sprachkurse/sommerkurs
For selected partner universities of LMU Munich, MISU® offers customized partner programs, tailored to their individual and particular needs.
In 2020, six dedicated partner programs in the fields of European Studies, German Language, Physics and Medicine were organized:

**Happened in Munich as planned:**
- European Studies Winter School for Students of Australian Partner Universities

**Happened online in 2020:**
- Remote European Studies for Partner Universities from the China Academic Network (LMU-ChAN) and international students from all faculties and countries

**Cancelled due to COVID-19:**
- European Studies for the National University of Singapore
- German immersion trip of the Physics Department of the National University of Singapore
- European Studies for students of the Chulalongkorn University Bangkok
- CUHK-LMU Collaboration
European Studies Winter School for Students of Australian Partner Universities since 2016

European Studies: Munich – Berlin – Brussels, 3 – 25 January 2020
‘The European Union in Crisis: Analysing the past, the present and the future of European cooperation’

The European Union is the most prominent example of regional cooperation. Both historical lessons and today’s global challenges spur European states to prefer cooperation over unilateral policy-making. European integration resulted in ever expanding EU authority, the ‘Europeanization’ of national political and economic systems as well as increased foreign security policy cooperation. At the same time, however, disagreement on how to deal with crises in Europe’s eastern and southern neighbourhood, on the handling of refugee flows from the Middle East as well as the still looming sovereign debt crisis seem to show the limits of European consensus and solidarity. Time and again, national particularities appear at odds with the common interests. Domestically, public opinion has become less favourable with regard to European cooperation than it had been in the past, with the United Kingdom having decided to exit the Union. Internationally, the EU is triggered to reconsider its global role given the current US administration’s isolationist tendencies. Against this background, the summer academy analyses the past, the present and the future of European cooperation. Seminar sessions will be held in Munich, Berlin and Brussels accompanied by field trips to political institutions as well as cultural and historical sites in the different cities. Student profile: the Winter School is open for students from all faculties and countries whereby students from LMU partner universities might be eligible for waivers. Certificates: graded certificates and ECTS credits upon successful completion. Future prospects: given the current Corona crisis, the program will be offered as Remote European Studies Winter School from January 4 to 22, 2021.

www.eu-misu.de
Remote European Studies Programs since 2020

Course 1
July 13 – 31, 2020
For students of South and North American partner universities of the LMU Munich

Course 2
July 13 - 31, 2020
For students of the Universidade de Sao Paulo (USP)

Course 3
August 3 – 28, 2020
For students from Chinese partner universities of the LMU-ChAN network as well as international students from all faculties and countries

Given the Corona-crisis and its impact on transnational mobility, MISU at LMU Munich decided to run previous in-person classes as remote programs. Therefore, European Studies program that have until recently taken place in presence at different European cities were newly conceptualized and implemented as remote EU Studies programs. Program Coordinator and instructor Dr. des. Stefan Jagdhuber combined daily live seminar session via Zoom with achronic teaching via LMU Munich’s e-learning platform Moodle.

The European Studies programs introduce students to the history and development of the European Union. Participants dig deeper into European politics, processes of Europeanization as well as the EU’s foreign political behaviour. Class debates took place live as well as achronically via forums.

Future prospects: the different remote European Studies Programs were evaluated very positively. Based on this experience and given that the Corona-crisis seems to haunt Europe for a while, MISU decided to run every European Studies program in 2021 as remote classes:

www.eu-misu.de
Affixes

MISU at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München is Germany’s biggest international summer university.

In the QS World University Rankings 2021, LMU is in 63rd place - as it was last year. Once again, LMU is one of only three German universities in the top 100.

In the Nature Index 2020 LMU is ranked 53th which confirms LMU’s standing as Germany’s best placed university.
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Organizational Structure of MISU™

MISU™ Academic Board
- Concept, Quality Control
- Vice President LMU
- Prof. Dr. Francesca Biagini

MISU™ Coordinator
- (Bernd Hilker)

Institutional Responsibility
- Coordination, Communication
- MISU Office
- (c/o International Office)

Organisational Responsibility
- Program support, Logistics
- International University Club
- Munich, IUCM e.V.

Academic Responsibility
- Academic program development and realization, Participant selection, Transcripts

Faculties / other academic units with its respective directors

Affixes

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  Prof. Dr. Francesca Biagini

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MISU\textsuperscript{\textregistered} Participants 2013-2020*

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  - Munich Summer Curriculum (MSC): Electronic Media: 0
  - Global Entrepreneurship Summer School (GESS): 45
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