

# DIRECT EXCHANGE INFO SESSION - 2023

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Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies  
Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz

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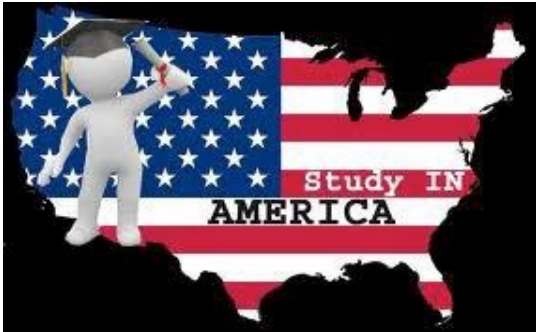
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## General Information: What is the “Direct Exchange”?

- Established in 1956/57 and personally initiated by the professors
- Objectives & aims:
  - Expand and pursue your knowledge of American Studies
  - Gain a general understanding of life in North America
  - Experience the literature, language and culture of North America in order to apply and use such in your future professionUnforgettable impressions and experiences, as well as personal and academic growth



## General Information: What does the Direct Exchange Offer?

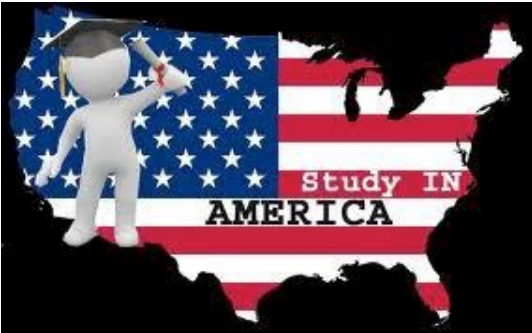
Financial support/aid differs for every partnering university:

- Full scholarship
- Partial scholarship in combination with a *teaching assistantship* or *research assistantship*
- Partial scholarship (no tuition fee) – additional expenses can be covered by DAAD, Auslands-BAFöG, Fulbright, savings etc.



## General Information: How do your Studies Benefit from this Exchange?

- Credits for your study program at JGU (consult with student counselors prior to stay abroad)
- Language proficiency
- Cultural knowledge
- Increased chances at job market
- Personal growth
- Leave of absence (“Beurlaubung”) to stay within your program’s „Regelstudienzeit“



# The Application Process: Overview

- Step 1: Info Session
- Step 2: Interview with either Davina Höll and Julia Velten (Programs Prof. Banerjee) or Sandra Meerwein and Simge Büyükgümüş (Programs Prof. Scheiding) **use sign-up sheets**
- Step 3: Application draft
- Step 4: Submission of revised required application forms

Note: The process may be subject to change.



## Step 1: Where Can I Find More Information?

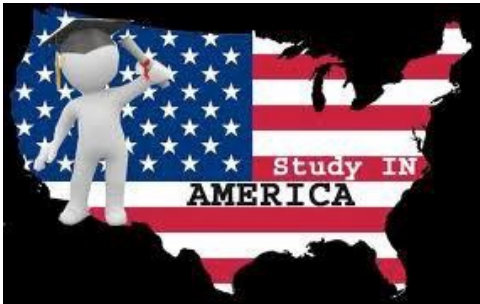
- General Information about studying in the U.S. : “JGU International” website  
<https://www.international-office.uni-mainz.de/contact/> - op
- Information about the Direct Exchange and application process: Obama Institute’s website (Download section)  
<http://www.obama-institute.com/studies-2/exchange-programs/>
- Information about exchange universities: Official Homepages of the respective institution



## Step 2: Interview

- You are going to introduce yourself during an interview
- Please Bring:
  - Filled-out “General Information” document (Download section Obama Institute Website)
  - CV
  - Picture
- **Be prepared:** Which university/college do you want to go to and why? What makes you a great fit for the respective exchange program?
- This **interview** as well as your **application forms** provide the basis on which either Prof. Banerjee or Prof. Scheiding will write their **confidential appraisals**.





## Step 2: Interview



### **Programs Prof. Scheiding**

Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT / Washington College, Chestertown, MD /  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS / California State University, Chico, CA /  
Hood College, Frederick, MD

### **Interviewers: Sandra Meerwein and Simge Büyükgümüş**

Monday, November 27; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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### **Philosophicum II, Meeting Room OG2**

Please use the **sign-up sheet** to secure a slot!



## Step 2: Interview



### Programs Prof. Banerjee

Mississippi College, Clinton, MS / Austin College, Sherman, TX / Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME / Clark University, Worcester, MA / Georgia State University, GA / University of Louisville, Louisville, KY / York University, Toronto, CAN

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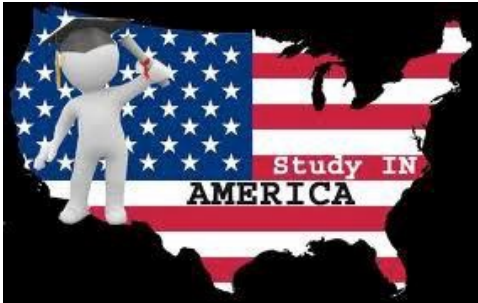
Friday, November 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Room Philo II 02.212**

Please use the **sign-up sheet** to secure a slot!

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## Step 3: Application Forms

- Brief **Cover Letter** addressed to the partnering university/college
- **CV** (in English, American-style)
- **Professional Photograph (Lichtbild)** (separately attached, not incorporated into CV!)
- **Personal Statement** (1-1.5 pages, letter of motivation)
- **Academic Record**
- Please hand in **your first application draft** to either Davina Höll / Julia Velten or Sandra Meerwein / Simge Büyükgümüş by **December 15, 2023 as a .docx file**. Your counselors will review your application draft and recommend improvements. You will receive further information during the special office hours.
- Submit your **finalized, complete application as a PDF** to Davina Höll/ Julia Velten or Sandra Meerwein / Simge Büyükgümüş until **January 12, 2024**.  
(**Attention**: Deadline for complete application for Clark University January 5, 2024)



# What is an Academic Record?

## Academic Record

of successfully completed courses  
(failed exams are not listed)

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UNIVERSITÄT MAINZ

### Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz

Contact: Major (European Literature)  
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Theaterwissenschaft

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Prüfungsamt des Fachbereichs 02

Department 02  
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Last Name: Mustermann  
Date of Birth: 01 April 1990  
Place of Birth: Musterstadt

First Name: Markus  
Sex: Male  
Matriculation Number: 2345678

Target Degree: Bachelor of Arts (Major/Minor)

Course of Studies Current Semester

Major: European Literature 5

Minor: Film Studies 5

Estimated Time of Enrollment: 6 Semester

The student is currently enrolled at Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz. As of Winter Term 2011/12 the student has successfully completed 100 of 180 credit points in his modules.

This is to certify that the above is true and a true rendition of the original.

International Office, JGU Mainz

(\*\*) Grading System:

1.0 / 1.3 = very good, 1.7 / 2.0 / 2.3 = good, 2.7 / 3.0 / 3.3 = satisfactory, 3.7 / 4.0 = sufficient

The manner of adding the cumulative and the individual grades is contingent on the specific regulations of the respective department.

be = passed

k.B. = not yet graded

Σ = will be added to the cumulative grade.

Grades listed in parentheses will not be added to the cumulative grade.

Module #	Name	Type of Course	Semester/Date	Credit Points	Grade <sup>(**)</sup>
Major: European Literature					
05.861.020	English Language Test	Language test	Winter 2009/10	(k.B.)	be
Module Examination: written exam					
05.861.030	SK French Language Test	Language test	Summer 2011	(k.B.)	be
Module Examination: written exam					
M.05.861.010	Module 1: Introduction to European Literature		Winter 2009/10	12	Σ 2.0
05.861.080	VL Introduction to Comparative Studies	Lecture	Winter 2009/10	2	
05.861.090	PS Introduction to Comparative Studies	Proseminar	Winter 2009/10	3	
05.861.100	PS Introduction to Methods of Comparative Studies	Proseminar	Winter 2009/10	3	
Module Examination: written exam				10 Feb 2010	2.0
M.05.861.020	Module 2: Basic Terminology of Analysis and Interpretation		Summer 2010	12	Σ 1.3
05.861.110	PS Basics of Text Analysis (Prose, Drama, Short Story)	Proseminar	Winter 2009/10	6	
05.861.120	Methods of Text Interpretation: Literary Models and Methods	Proseminar	Summer 2010	3	
Module Examination: term paper				31 August 2010	1.3
M.05.861.030	Module 3: Literary Theory		Summer 2010	14	Σ 2.3
05.861.130	VL Introduction to Literary Theory	Lecture	Summer 2010	2	
05.861.140	PS Poetics: Theory of Postmodernism	Proseminar	Summer 2010	3	
05.861.150	S Literary Theory 1: Genre Theory	Seminar	Summer 2010	3	
05.861.160	S Literary Theory 2: Fiction Theory	Seminar	Summer 2010	3	
Module Examination: oral exam				22 July 2010	2.3
M.05.861.040	Module 4: Internationality of Literature		Winter 2010/11	16	Σ 1.3
05.861.170	VL The Idea of World Literature	Lecture	Summer 2010	2	
05.861.180	PS International Poetry since 1945	Proseminar	Winter 2010/11	3	
05.861.190	S Internationality of Literature: Baudelaire and Poe	Seminar	Winter 2010/11	3	
05.861.200	S Internationality of Literature: The Sonnet	Seminar	Winter 2010/11	3	
Module Examination: term paper				25 March 2011	1.3

Module #	Name	Type of Course	Semester/Date	Credit Points	Grade <sup>(**)</sup>
Only credits of completed modules are added to the cumulative grade.					
M.05.067.1010	EULModule 5/6: Philological Module "German Literature"		Summer 2011	16	Σ 1.3
05.067.1010	VL German Literature EUL: German Literature in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	Lecture	Winter 2010/11	1	
05.067.1015	PS/S Thematic Seminar in German Literature 1: King Rother	Seminar	Winter 2010/11	4	be
05.067.1020	PS/S Thematic Seminar in German Literature 2: Alfred Döblin: Berlin Alexanderplatz	Seminar	Summer 2011	4	be
05.067.1025	S Thematic Seminar in German Literature: Story and Novel in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	Seminar	Summer 2011	4	be
Module Examination: term paper in a Proseminar or Seminar				Winter 2010/11	1.3
Minor: Film Studies					
M.02.054.010	Module 2: Basics of Film Studies II		Summer 2010	10	Σ 1.3
02.054.030	S Introduction to Film Theory	Seminar	Summer 2010	4	be
02.054.040	VL History of Film II	Lecture	Summer 2010	3	be
02.054.050	S Film Drama	Seminar	Summer 2010	3	be
Module Examination: oral exam				20 July 2010	1.3
M.02.054.020	Module 3: Film Genres		Winter 2010/11	10	Σ 1.5
02.054.060	VL History of Film Genres	Lecture	Winter 2010/11	3	
02.054.070	S Forms of Genre – Animated Movies	Seminar	Winter 2010/11	4	
Module Examination: term paper					2.0
Module Examination: presentation					1.7
02.054.160	S Drama of Genres – Plot in Classic Hollywood Movies	Proseminar	Winter 2010/11	3	
Module Examination: Presentation					1.0
M.02.054.030	Module 4: Film History and Cultural Patterns		Summer 2011	10	Σ 1.3
02.054.090	L Epochal Style	Lecture	Summer 2011	4	
S National Cinematographies – German Exiles in Hollywood 1933-1945				Seminar	Summer 2011
Module Examination: oral exam				01 Sept 2011	1.3





# How Does the Selection Process Work?

- The candidate will be selected by the American (or Canadian) College/University unless stated otherwise
- **The response can be expected between March and April**
- **Answers will either be given through us OR the college/university directly**
- We will inform every applicant as soon as we receive an answer – Please let us know if you receive a confirmation by the respective university/college directly!



# Terms & Conditions of Submitting Your Application

- By submitting your application, you confirm to accept the scholarship should you be selected by the partnering university/college!
- You are responsible to meet all visa requirements/ requirements posted by the host institution – make sure to be up to date on all rules, requirements, and deadlines!





## Additional Information: TOEFL

- Some universities require a TOEFL-Test (**T**est **o**f **E**nglish as a **F**oreign **L**anguage). Further information on the test can be found here <http://www.ets.org/toefl>.
- Costs: approx. \$255
- Please google possible TOEFL test locations via the link above, available test locations are, for example, MZ, FFM, WI or DA





## Additional Information: Travel Stipends

- Given that most students will have to pay for their travel expenses (not all universities will cover these expenses), we **strongly recommend to** all applicants, to apply for a Fulbright travel stipend as well (the deadline is usually January 15).
- Further information can be found here: <https://www.fulbright.de/programs-for-germans/studierende-und-graduierte/reisestipendien> bzw. in der **Abteilung Internationales**, Forum 2.

# DIRECT EXCHANGE PROGRAM: PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

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# Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

*Application via Prof. Scheiding*



- *Teaching assistantship* in German: Visiting and teaching the beginner's German classes 1x per week each; German conversation during the "Sprachtisch", weekly coffee get-togethers ("Kaffeestunde"), organizing events as a main task (\$1250 monthly pay)
- Scholarship covers up to 2 classes per semester → full stipend, outbound and return flight are covered, free housing in the "Deutsche Haus", free dining in the cafeterias, student health insurance
- You will have to pay for your visa
- **Middlebury interviews via Zoom**

B.A./B.Ed.

# Washington College, Chestertown

*Application via Prof. Scheiding*



- *Teaching assistantship* at the *German Department* (3 classes, max. 10 hours a week), as well as taking part in *social activities* of the *German Club*
- Scholarship for 2 semesters, which includes 2 classes per semester, free dining and housing, stipend of ca. \$2.400 per year (monthly payrate)
- You will have to pay for your visa, as well as health insurance (ca. \$1500) and health fee (\$125; please update your vaccination status!), costs for introductory week and deposit (ca. \$550), book fees
- TOEFL is needed if your application was successful

B.A./B.Ed.

# Hood College, Frederick, MD

*Application via Prof. Scheiding*



- *Teaching assistantship* in German (2x 50min courses per week) and 3x weekly observation in other courses with correction work (approx. \$3500 for 8 months; paid biweekly) and a conversation course
- Scholarship (worth ca. \$20.000) for 12 credits = 2 classes per semester
- Rent-free housing in the “Deutsches Haus” (organizing cultural activities)
- Free meals at the cafeteria
- You will have to pay for insurance, flights, visa, and books
- TOEFL, Duolingo and IELTS is accepted as English language tests
- 1-2 years; registration at Hood College as degree-seeking student
- Option to obtain double degree (M.A. American Studies)

# California State University, Chico, CA

Application via **Prof. Scheiding**



- For 2024, there is no possibility of a scholarship through CSU.
- Overview of Costs

VISA	TUITION	HEALTH INSURANCE	ACCOMODATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$220 SEVIS Fee</li><li>- \$152 visa processing fee</li><li>- \$150 deposit for visa processing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$300 per unit per semester</li><li>- \$230 for use of the Recreation Center per semester (optional, but highly recommended for full use of on-campus offerings)</li><li>- \$276 for use of the Student Health Center per semester (optional, but highly recommended for full use of on-campus offerings)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- \$500 mandatory health insurance per semester (run through the university)</li><li>- \$50-\$75 mandatory tuberculosis screening and any additional vaccinations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Off-campus accomodations in shared apartments ranging between \$700-800, meal mostly not included</li><li>- On campus: \$800 and up, with a meal plan included (for the lower prices you need to take double or triple rooms</li><li>- single rooms are significantly more expensive)</li></ul>

Total estimation by CSU for one year (for 12 units): c.a. \$20.000 + your flights

# California State University, Chico, CA

*Application via Prof. Scheiding*



- In your applicaiton, you need to present:
  - financial statement
  - health insurance
  - vaccinations
  - negative tuberculosis test
  - Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS, or letter from English faculty)

Scholarship applications are strongly recommended (e.g. Fulbright, Auslands-Bafög, DAAD...)

B.A./B.Ed./M.A./M.Ed.



# University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

*Application via Prof. Scheiding*



- A **completed Bachelor's degree** by the time of departure is mandatory, as well as a graded graduate studies seminar incl. a term paper
- TOEFL is required
- A full tuition and course fee waiver of up to 12 credits, a living stipend of \$3,750 USD per semester term (\$7,500 for a full academic year)
  - the stipend may take up to two months into your stay to be issued
- Students are responsible for Campus fee \$492, KUID card \$21, Orientation fee \$240, ISS Checkin Fee \$35, International Student fee \$170 and required Health

insurance (@\$1,026)



# Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

*Application via **Prof. Banerjee**; Contact **Julia Velten***



## Full scholarship

- free housing and catering in the student dorm and on campus
- Tuition waiver, includes 4-6 classes per semester
- American health insurance is mandatory and must be signed at the American institution (ca. \$82 per month)

# Mississippi College, Clinton, MS

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option for a second student with the option of financing the stay abroad with financial support (e.g. BAFöG, Cusanuswerk, etc.) or out of their own pocket (ca. \$12.000), which incl. tuition, food, housing, books, additional costs

# University of Louisville, KY

*Application via **Prof. Banerjee**; Contact **Julia Velten***



- Tuition waiver covering about \$9.500 for 2 semesters (sponsored by Sister Cities)
- You will have to cover for housing, food and health insurance
- Additional costs (ca \$250)
- TOEFL is mandatory

# Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME

Application via **Prof. Banerjee** Contact **Julia Velten**



- Tuition and housing covered by Bowdoin, comes with a *part-time instructorship* (up to 15 hrs/semester, conversation courses and/or “language crash courses”; single or group teaching) in German (*teaching and related activities; mentoring the German Table*)
- monthly pay of ca. US\$ 600
- tuition fee waiver for 2 classes per semester, free housing and food, as well as health insurance
- You only need to pay for your visa

# Austin College, Sherman, TX

*Application via **Prof. Banerjee**; Contact **Davina Höll***



- free housing and food in the “German House”, tuition waiver for up to two classes per semester, as well as a monthly pay of \$450 for conversation courses in German, organizing activities for the “German House,” participating at the language table and working with the “German Club”
- Tuberculosis test and Hepatitis A vaccine (ca. 150€), university’s health insurance (\$2,000) are mandatory
- Teaching assistantship, especially suitable for future teachers
- TOEFL is mandatory



# Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Application via **Prof. Banerjee**; Contact **Davina Höll**



## Graduate Studies

- Tuition fees for 10 SWS included
- Additional \$730 monthly pay for a *research assistantship* (approx. 10hrs/week, often in the Writing Studio) → monthly pay often covers rent
- You need to pay for housing, food and health insurance
- Additional costs may apply (books, trips, etc.)

# Clark University, Worcester, MA

*Application via **Prof. Banerjee**; Contact **Davina Höll***



## American Antiquarian Society

- Only for MA- Students who have completed at least 2 “Hauptseminare”
- Can be financed through: e.g. an additional stipend, etc. , if not – tuition fee: 20% of the regular tuition fee (approx. USD 35.000 per year = approx. \$7000)
- University’s health insurance is mandatory (USD 1.650 per year)
- Up to 4 classes per semester

## Binational Degree an der Clark University is possible (Binational MA)

- TOEFL is mandatory



# York University, Toronto, Ontario

*Application via **Prof. Banerjee**; Contact **Davina Höll***



- Only for students that are at the end of their studies (GPA at 2,5 and above)
- Tuition waiver for 3 classes per semester & stipend approx. CAD 3,000 per semester
- University's health insurance is mandatory (approx. CAD 50/month)
- You need to pay for housing and food
- Additional costs may apply (books, trips, etc.)



## Any Further Questions?

If you have any questions exceeding the information given online, please contact:

- Simge Büyükgümüş (sbueyuek@uni-mainz.de) for information on Hood College, California State University and University of Kansas
- Sandra Meerwein (smeerwein@uni-mainz.de) for information on Washington College, Middlebury College
- Davina Höll (hoell@uni-mainz.de) for information on Austin College, Georgia State University, Clark University, and York University
- Julia Velten (juvelten@uni-mainz.de) for information on Mississippi College, University of Louisville, and Bowdoin College



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