

European Business and Economics in Germany

International Summer Academy

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Gerhard Mercator (1512 - 1594), renowned mathematician, geographer, cartographer, and patron of the School of Management on Duisburg Campus, lived in Duisburg from 1552 till his death.

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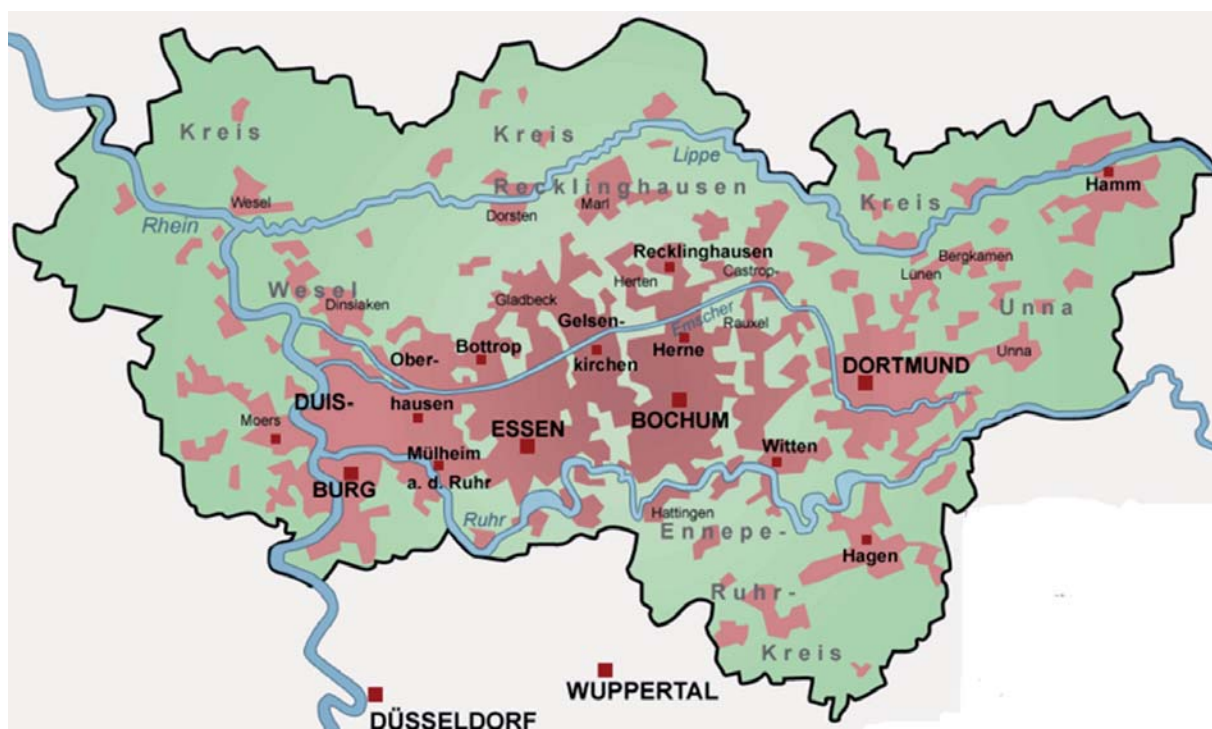
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The Business and Economics Summer Term (BEST) is an academic program in an international setting, which is designed for upper division undergraduate and graduate students. It is organized by the Faculty of Business Administration - Mercator School of Management (MSM) - of Duisburg-Essen University on Duisburg Campus in cooperation with the Rhine-Westphalia Institute for Economic Research (RWI) in Essen, Germany.

BEST runs from May 26 - June 26, 2009

The five week program offers a variety of courses in business, economics and German language with special emphasis on the European economic environment. BEST also includes field trips and company visits to the industrial and cultural vicinity of Duisburg and an excursion to Berlin.



BEST requires no prior German language training. Students can earn up to nine credits for courses successfully completed. The credits are awarded according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and the standards of U. S. universities. Tuition for the five week course program is only EURO 1,200 and may also be waived for students from our partner institutions.

Located in the north-west of Germany on the banks of the river Rhine, Duisburg is not only a challenging place to study, but also an excellent starting point for touring Germany, or for traveling to Amsterdam, Brussels, London, Paris or Prague on weekends or before and after the BEST program.



Deadline for admission application is March 16, 2009

Early applications are recommended and will receive preferential review and notification prior to the deadline.

Academic Information

Program Objectives

With increasing international economic and political integration, business and economic research as well as teaching are becoming more and more interrelated worldwide. Today, companies and institutions are demanding employees with greater international education and experience, so that they are able to succeed in a global environment. Therefore, universities need to provide international studies and internships for students striving to acquire these specific qualifications.

The Faculty of Business Administration - Mercator School of Management (MSM) - of Duisburg-Essen University, Campus Duisburg, provides BEST as an important part of this internationalization effort. Specifically, the BEST program aims to:

- increase students' understanding of international business operations and economic policies in European countries;
- enable students to compare various economic systems and international business practices from a European perspective;
- provide students with the opportunity to study business and economic policy issues of present-day Europe; and finally,
- improve the German language proficiency of participating students.

The age of global business and economic policy has begun, and BEST contributes by providing academic skills for students responding to the challenge of globalization.

To achieve these goals, BEST provides a professionally-oriented program. Conducted in English, it combines European management and economic studies with practical experience in German business and daily life. It consists of three separate parts (see BEST program schedule on page 6):

- **BEST Orientation** prepares students for course work directly before the BEST courses begin. The orientation week is an integral part of the program, as are the company visits and sightseeing excursions, which accompany it;
- **BEST Courses** are the academic core of the program. They run four weeks and permit students to earn credits equivalent to one U. S. quarter or one summer term in business, economics, and German;
- **BEST Internships** round out the program by providing professional experience in Duisburg and vicinity. They require advanced German language proficiency and last at least three months following directly the course program. The internships are optional and are offered according to their availability.



Opening of the ancient Duisburg University on October 14, 1655



Opening of the newly established
Mercator School of Management on October 14, 2005

BEST Program Schedule 2009

BEST Orientation (required): May 26 - June 02, 2009

Introductory Lectures
Language Training
Company Visits
Sightseeing Excursions

BEST Courses (required): June 02 - 26, 2009

Instructor	Course Title	Lecture Hours		Awarded Credits	
		per week	per term	U. S.	ECTS
Prof. Dr. Chamoni	SAP Business Analytics™	3	12	1	2
Prof. Dr. Adler Dr. Klein	Marketing Strategies in Europe	3	12	1	2
Prof. Dr. Rolfes Prof. Dr. Schierenbeck	Banking and Corporate Finance in Europe	3	12	1	2
Full Semester Equivalent	International Business Administration	9	36	3	6
Prof. Dr. Taube	Institutions in the Making of Europe	3	12	1	2
Prof. Dr. Pascha	European Economic Integration	3	12	1	2
Dr. Döhrn	European Currency Union and Financial Markets	3	12	1	2
Full Semester Equivalent	International Managerial Economics	9	36	3	6
Beatrix Fehse	Reading and Writing	3	12	1	2
	Comprehension	3	12	1	2
	Conversation	3	12	1	2
Full Semester Equivalent	German Language	9	36	3	6
Total	9 BEST Courses	27	108	9	18

BEST Internships (optional)

BEST Internships can be arranged with companies
in the vicinity for at least three months
after the course program on request.

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BEST Orientation

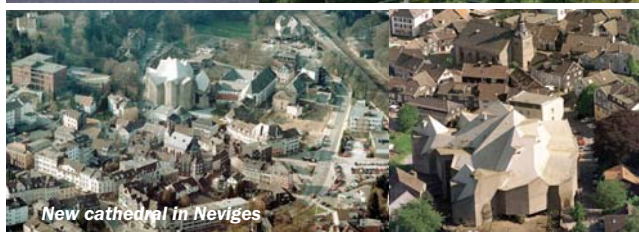
During the orientation week students will be introduced to the current political situation and economic performance of the European Union. They will learn about the historical, cultural, and business highlights of Duisburg and the region. Finally, they will be exposed to the organization of Duisburg-Essen University and the facilities of Duisburg Campus (DUC), and they will get their first training in German language.



Duesseldorf city and parliament building of North Rhine-Westphalia



Genuine medieval castle in Solingen



New cathedral in Neviges



Neanderthal men

BEST orientation also includes company visits and field trips within the industrial and cultural vicinity. Company visits to the facilities of major business players, such as ALDI, König Brewery and ThyssenKrupp Steel Works are offered in addition to a visit to the Duisburg branch of the German Federal Bank. Another highlight will be an excursion to Berlin, the capital of Germany, which is scheduled on May 29 - June 02, 2009 (see page 9).

In addition, sightseeing trips to nearby Duisburg and Wuppertal, including Duisport facilities, the tower and old town of Duisburg, the museum of stone age Neanderthal man, the new cathedral in Neviges and a genuine medieval castle in Solingen as well as the birthplace of Friedrich Engels in Wuppertal and the century-old suspension railway in the same city, can be organized.

BEST Courses and Credits

BEST does not offer a small-scale degree program. Its hallmark is the concentration on core subjects of business techniques and economics, with special emphasis on the European Single Market and policy making in Europe. Therefore, BEST courses provide a valuable supplement to a university degree. Moreover, they provide excellent preparation for students planning a career in international companies and organizations.

The core program offers three courses each in the fields of business administration, managerial economics, and German language (see BEST program schedule). Each course consists of 12 lecture hours per term or 3 academic hours per week, and awards credits if successfully completed. Non-EU students may earn 3 credits for each completed set of BEST courses in business, economics, and German. According to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), EU students can achieve twice as many credits.

Consequently, the BEST course program awards up to 9 credits for non-EU students or 18 ECTS credits for students from European countries. The actual number of credits transferable for courses taken in Duisburg is determined by the students' home college or university. Students who wish to transfer BEST credits are strongly recommended to check with their faculty adviser or registrar to determine in advance how BEST will fit into their program of study.

BEST courses in business administration and managerial economics are suitable for either upper division undergraduate or graduate students; they usually have intermediate courses as prerequisites. Each BEST course is described in detail on the BEST website (www.msm.uni-due.de/BEST).

BEST offers students the opportunity to study German language for beginners. Students being already proficient in German may attend regular courses (lectures and discussion sessions; no seminars) in business administration and economics instead of taking BEST language courses. The course catalogue of the summer semester 2009 will be available in March on the website www.uni-due.de/vv/index_ss_2009#Betriebswirtschaft.

Academic Information

BEST Faculty, Teaching and Examinations

BEST courses are specifically organized and customized for our international guest students. According to the German university tradition, lectures and discussion sessions alternate in each course. German language instruction offers reading and writing, comprehension and conversation courses. BEST courses guarantee optimal learning and offer the unique opportunity for students from various countries to study in an international atmosphere.

Classes are held in the morning and in the afternoon. The remainder of the day can be used for reading and research. Therefore, applicants should be prepared to commit additional hours each day to individual study.

Students may receive grades and credits by taking the examination offered for each BEST course at the end of the program. The grades achieved in business administration, managerial economics and German language will be dis-

played on the official BEST certificate. In case a participant is unable to take the examinations, a participation certificate may be given for at least 75 % attendance. The Mercator School of Management is prepared to provide confirmation of academic performance in formats required by our partner institutions.

The BEST academic staff consists of members of Mercator School of Management together with some of their teaching and research assistants. Involved in the BEST program are also members of the Rhine-Westphalia Institute for Economic Research (RWI) in Essen and the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Basle, Switzerland. The German language courses are held by instructors graduated from the Department of German for International Students in the Faculty of Humanities. The faculty involved in the BEST program are:

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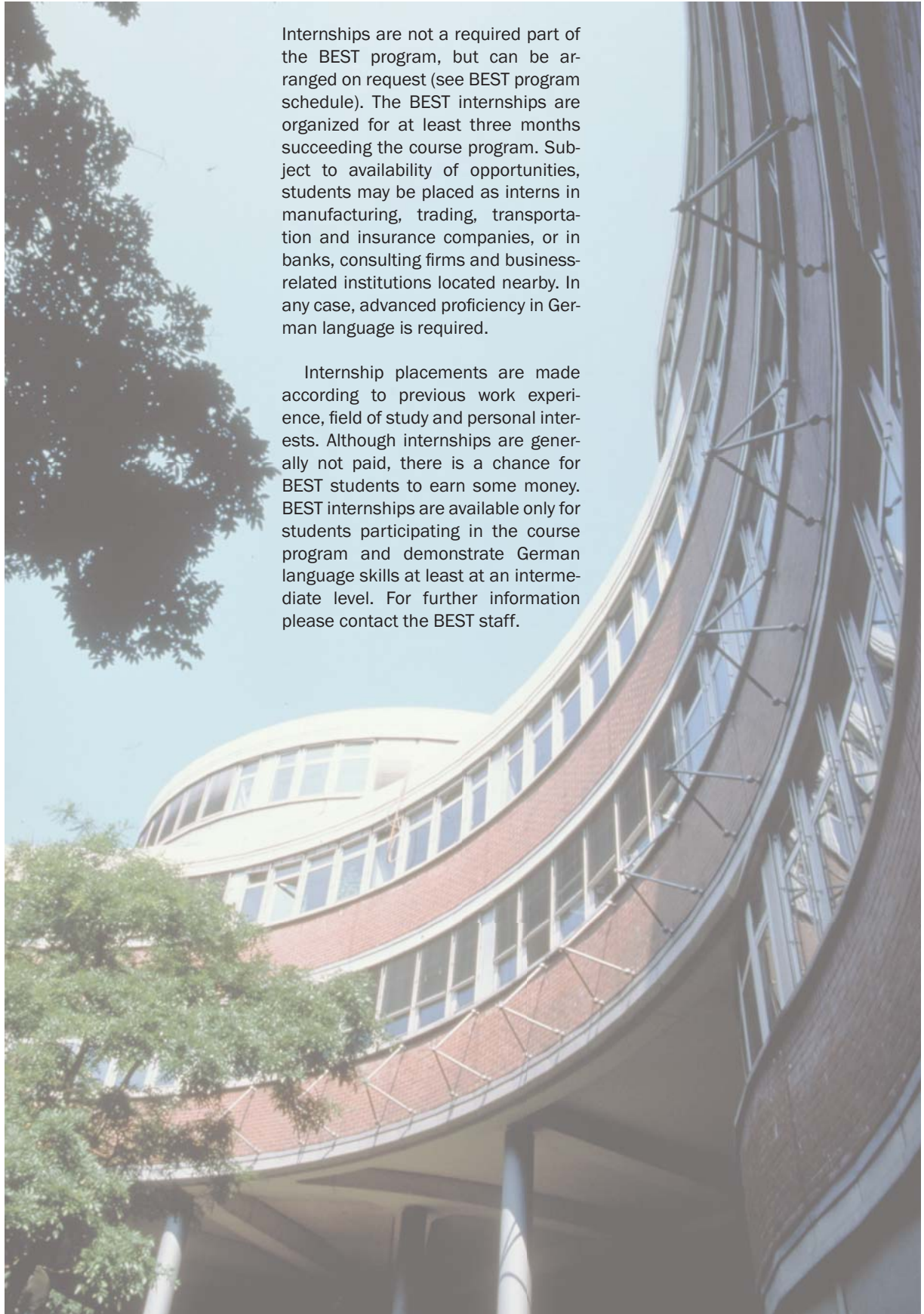
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BEST Internships

Internships are not a required part of the BEST program, but can be arranged on request (see BEST program schedule). The BEST internships are organized for at least three months succeeding the course program. Subject to availability of opportunities, students may be placed as interns in manufacturing, trading, transportation and insurance companies, or in banks, consulting firms and business-related institutions located nearby. In any case, advanced proficiency in German language is required.

Internship placements are made according to previous work experience, field of study and personal interests. Although internships are generally not paid, there is a chance for BEST students to earn some money. BEST internships are available only for students participating in the course program and demonstrate German language skills at least at an intermediate level. For further information please contact the BEST staff.



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BEST Features

BEST Excursion to Berlin

BEST is happy to be able to arrange an exciting excursion to Berlin, the old and new capital of Germany, as an integral part of the BEST program on the weekend of May 29 - June 02, 2009 (Pentecost). The excursion starts on Friday after the last orientation day and ends on Tuesday morning. The train ride on an ICE rapid train from Duisburg to Berlin and the ground transportation in Berlin as well as accommodation and breakfast in a tourist hotel and all entrance fees are covered by the flat rate BEST charges within the program costs (see page 16).

Accompanied by the BEST staff, participants will enjoy several guided tours to the political, commercial and cultural highlights of Berlin and the nearby Potsdam, former summer residence of the Prussian Kings and in our time the capital of the federal state Brandenburg. Students will tour the government and historic districts of Berlin, visit the historic Reichstag, seat of the German Federal Parliament (Bundestag) and see, among other things, the Brandenburg Gate, the new Holocaust Memorial and

BEST is an academic program offering high-quality courses in business administration and managerial economics. Its primary focus, however, is on European business and economic policy issues. It provides a unique opportunity for English-speaking upper division undergraduate and graduate students to extend their knowledge of business and economics in Europe. In addition, participants will attend German language courses at beginners' level to develop their language skills.



BEST also offers a unique chance to gain firsthand experience in today's Germany. Firstly, German students care for the international guests and will accompany them on company visits and sightseeing excursions. Secondly, the economics and language courses provide



the former Checkpoint Charlie. On the tour to Potsdam BEST students will visit the historic district and enjoy guided tours to the world famous Sanssouci Palace, former residence of the Prussian King Frederic the Great, and Cecilienhof Palace, which hosted the Potsdam Conference after World War II in 1945.

general information on Germany and Europe, including topics such as politics, recent history, and local customs. Thirdly, long term internships with German companies can be arranged in the region. Finally, visits to local companies and field trips to the historic cities along the river Rhine and its vicinity, as well as the excursion to Berlin are also part of the extra-curricular activities.

Duisburg is located in the north-western part of Germany on the river Rhine close to Duesseldorf International Airport and is served regularly by the German and European InterCity Rail (IC/EC). Therefore, Duisburg is an ideal starting point for touring Germany, or for traveling to Amsterdam, Brussels, London, Paris or Prague on weekends or before and after the BEST program.

General Information

Duisburg On The Rhine

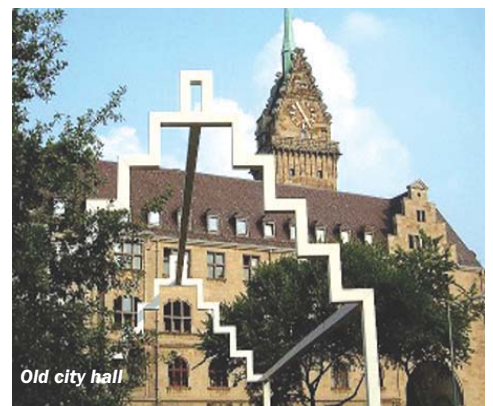
Duisburg is situated in North Rhine-Westphalia, the German state with the highest population density (18 million). Duisburg is home to more than 500,000 inhabitants. Within a radius of 500 kilometers you can reach a population of 140 million, which is almost one third of the total population of the European Union. Surrounded by traditional and modern industry, trade companies, and harbor facilities, Duisburg is a vibrant contrast of “the old” and “the new”. Its city center is a harmonious combination of commercial, industrial, residential, shopping, and leisure facilities.

Located at the confluence of the rivers Rhine and Ruhr, Duisburg is often associated with heavy industry and the largest inland port in the world. However, only few people know that Duisburg is one of the oldest university towns in Germany. Duisburg's first university was officially opened in 1655 with the traditional four faculties of Theology, Philosophy, Law and Medicine. After 163 years of existence, it was dissolved in 1818 in favor of the newly founded university in Bonn.



Fountain sculpture of the French artist Niki de Saint Phalle in Duisburg

Scholars visiting Duisburg are always surprised by the green surroundings and the attractive university setting. Duisburg is justly proud of its history and traditions as a major industrial city. The numerous firms in the area reinforce the vocational orientation of BEST studies through their close co-operation with the academic staff.



Old city hall



Inner harbor



Shopping mall Koenigstrasse



General Information

Duisburg Campus



In 1972 Duisburg once again became a university town. Gerhard Mercator University was opened with full academic rights, including that of conferring doctoral degrees and professorial qualifications (*venia legendi*). The university was named after the great geographer and renaissance scholar Gerhard Mercator, who lived and worked in Duisburg from 1552 to 1594 and was the most significant cartographer of the early modern age.

On January 1, 2003, Gerhard Mercator University was merged with the nearby University of Essen. Today, more than 30,000 students - among them 4,400 students from over 130 countries - are enrolled in the new Duisburg-Essen University with its two city campuses. On Duisburg Campus (DUC) nearly 15,000 students are studying in 5 faculties (Social Sciences, Business Administration, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Engineering). With its 1,400 employees DUC contributes much to the Duisburg region's economy.

DUC provides all advantages of a relatively small university with many opportunities for close contact between students and faculty. Because of its standing in the international academic community, DUC has become a center for conferences and a meeting place for scientists and scholars from all over the world. Despite its attractive location adjacent to a wooded area of the town, the univer-

sity campus is close to the city center of Duisburg and easily accessible by bicycle or public transportation.

Duisburg is well known as host of numerous international sporting events like the Canoe World Championship or the World Games as well as for its teams playing on the highest national levels, e. g. soccer, hockey or water-polo.



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Mercator School of Management



BEST students may also enjoy the sports facilities of Duisburg Campus or use the swimming, rowing and jogging facilities of the sports center close to their dormitory "Sportschule Wedau" (see page 15). Moreover, they will esteem that all classes are to be held in the same classroom of the LA building, which is located in the center of DUC next to the MSM complex and the library, and only few minutes away from the student union with its cafeteria and restaurant ("Mensa"). Finally, since DUC is a fully equipped "E-Campus", free wireless Internet is available for all BEST participants who bring their own laptop.

Since October 14, 2005, the 350th anniversary of the opening of the ancient Duisburg university, the Duisburg Faculty of Business Administration has been established as a fully fledged business school named „Mercator School of Management (MSM)". Teaching more than 3,500 students, MSM is one of the largest colleges of the university. 20 full professors and more than 90 full-time academic staff teach undergraduate and graduate courses within a general BA track and four specialized MSc tracks, which are:

- Master of Science in Accounting and Finance
- Master of Science in Technology and Operations Management
- Master of Science in Management and Marketing
- Master of Science in Business Administration

In addition, MSM also offers graduate studies in business and economics leading to the German doctoral degree (Dr. rer. oec.) and professorial qualification (Habilitation).

In each field a wide range of lectures, seminars, and discussion sessions are offered each semester. Details are published in the Course Catalogue (Personal- und Vorlesungsverzeichnis) and on the website: www.uni-due.de/vv/index_ss_2009.shtml



The faculty has a strong international reputation based on its research and publications. It conducts research seminars, organizes international conferences, and publishes working papers and book series in Business Administration (Duisburger Betriebswirtschaftliche Schriften) and Economics (Duisburger Volkswirtschaftliche Schriften).

Moreover, the faculty cooperates with several renowned national and international businesses and economic research institutes, especially with the RWI in Essen, which is one of the leading economic research institutes in Germany. The faculty is engaged in applied research on management techniques and international economics, cooperates with renowned companies, and advises national and European policy makers.



General Information

Partner Institutions



Australia

- University of Technology Sydney (UTS), Sydney
- University of Queensland (UQ), Brisbane



China

- Chu Hai College of Higher Education (CHC), Hong Kong
- Fudan University (FU), Center for European Studies, Shanghai
- Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), Hong Kong
- Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), Wuhan
- Wuhan University (WU), Wuhan



European Union

- FUCAM University of Mons, Mons, Belgium
- Thomas Bata University, Zlin, Czech Republic
- Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark
- University of Southern Denmark, Esbjerg, Sonderborg and Odense, Denmark
- University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia
- Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration, Mikkeli, Finland
- ESC Business School of Troyes, Troyes, France
- University Jean Moulin, Lyon III, France
- University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux IV, France
- University of Paris - Sorbonne IV, Paris, France
- Dublin Institute of Technology, Dublin, Ireland
- Terza University of Rome, Rome, Italy
- Warsaw School of Economics (SGH), Warsaw, Poland
- Technical University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal
- University Politehnica of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania
- University of Antonio de Nebrija, Madrid, Spain
- University of Granada, Granada, Spain
- University of Borås, Borås, Sweden
- University of Växjö, Växjö, Sweden
- HAN University, Arnhem Business School, Arnhem, The Netherlands
- Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey



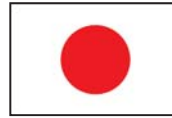
Guatemala

- University Rafael Landivar (URL), Guatemala City



India

- Indian Institute of Planning and Management (IIPM), New Delhi
- Peoples Education Society (PES) - Institute of Technology, Bangalore



Japan

- Dokkyo University, Soka
- Sophia University, Tokyo



Kazakhstan

- al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KAZNU), Almaty
- T. Ryskulov Kazakh Economic University (KAZEU), Almaty
- Kazakh Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP), Almaty



Korea

- Seoul National University, Seoul



Russia

- Plekhanov Russian Academy of Economics, Moscow



United States

- American University (AU), Washington, D.C.
- Arkansas State University (ASU), Jonesboro, Arkansas
- Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, Utah
- Colorado State University (CSU), Pueblo, Colorado
- Georgia Institute of Technology (GIT), Atlanta, Georgia
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), Indiana, Pennsylvania
- Lehigh University (LU), Iacocca Institute, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- Mississippi State University (MSU), Mississippi State/Starkville, Mississippi
- University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS), Colorado Springs, Colorado
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), Champaign, Illinois
- University of North Florida (UNF), Jacksonville, Florida
- University of Northern Iowa (UNI), Cedar Falls, Iowa

The BEST program gives preference to students from these partner institutions.

General Information

BEST Students

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Students' Feedback

- The five weeks I spent in Duisburg were among the best times in my life.
- The experience of just being there and living in a different culture made the trip worthwhile, but having the opportunity to take the classes surely made the trip phenomenal.
- I came to Duisburg fairly sheltered from my point of view and left with a new outlook on life and the world.
- The Berlin excursion was my favourite.
- Excellent company visits, which provide insights to the industries.
- Duisburg is an excellent location, because it is so easy to travel.
- I would certainly recommend this program.
- Thank you all very much for making the BEST program the highlight of my summer.
- Thanks for a fun summer!
- I will never be the same again and I have finally opened my eyes to a whole new world.

Since the opening of BEST in 2001, students from the following universities have participated in the program:

Country	University
China	Hong Kong Baptist University
	Chu Hai College of Higher Education
Estonia	University of Tartu
Kazakhstan	Kazakh National University
Poland	University of Szczecin
Russia	Plekhanov Russian Academy of Economics Ulyanovsk State University
South Korea	Seoul National University
The Netherlands	HEAO Arnhem Business School
Turkey	Sabanci University
United States	Arkansas State University, AR
	Brigham Young University, UT
	Centenary College, NJ
	Colorado State University, CO
	Georgia Institute of Technology, GA
	Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA
	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA
	Michigan State University, MI
	Mississippi State University, MS
	Southern Methodist University, TX
	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, CO
	University of Denver, CO
	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
	University of Minnesota, MN
	University of Northern Iowa, IA
	University of Washington, WA

Administrative Information

Housing and Health Insurance

Admission Requirements

BEST courses are taught and graded according to the standards of Mercator School of Management (MSM). Applicants need to demonstrate competence at the required academic level for each BEST course.

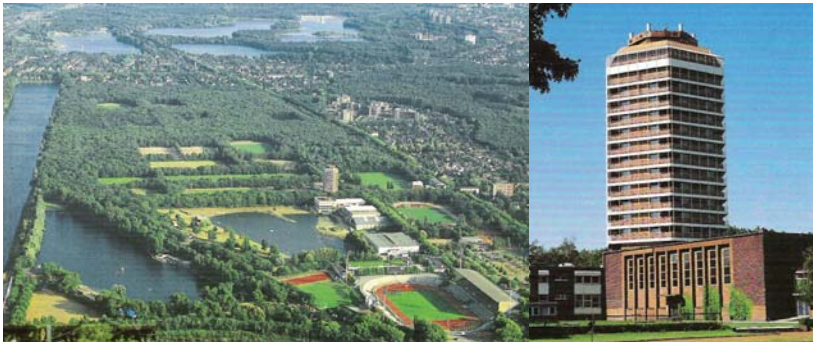
U. S. applicants should have reached upper division (senior) standing in undergraduate studies at their home university or college. Students from European universities are welcome upon completion of their second year of university studies.

Application Procedure

The BEST application form includes reference letters and an application for housing. The completed application form should be submitted together with the supporting documents to the BEST office. The deadline for admission is

March 16, 2009

Organizational assistance and further information about the academic program are available on the BEST website www.msm.uni-due.de/BEST. For information about specific courses, please contact the instructors directly.



Dormitory "Sportschule Wedau"

The applicant's academic record must be officially certified by transcripts, diplomas, etc. In addition, one letter of recommendation from a current or previous professor must be submitted. A good working knowledge of English is absolutely necessary for all applicants. Non-native English speakers are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum required scores are 550 on the paper based test, 213 on the computer-adaptive test or 79 on the Internet based test.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance to the program not later than

March 31, 2009

Payment instructions will be provided upon admission to BEST. In case of withdrawal before May 15, candidates will receive an 80 % refund of their tuition and fees. No refunds will be given after that date.

BEST provides housing at a private dorm, the Sportschule Wedau, for all students. The Sportschule Wedau is part of a sports center and can easily be reached from DUC by a short bus ride. The accommodation in a double room includes breakfast and costs EURO 820 per person for the duration of BEST orientation and courses. The rooms are available from May 25 (arrival) to June 27 (departure), except the weekend of the excursion to Berlin (see page 9 and 16).

Students wishing to access the wireless Internet from the Sportschule Wedau have to pay an extra charge for that service directly at the Sportschule. However, there is free Internet access on Duisburg Campus for all BEST students. Unfortunately, there are no cooking and laundry facilities at the Sportschule Wedau. But there is a Loundromat with self service close to the university campus.

Students require an adequate health insurance as foreign coverage is often not equivalent to German standards and needs. Therefore, BEST students must sign a German Student Health Insurance, which is available through BEST (see BEST program costs 2009). Students of EU member states may obtain an "European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)" fully recognized in Germany. The form must be signed and processed in the home country before departure.

BEST Program Costs

BEST is able to offer our partner institutions a high-quality program at relatively low cost. The tuition for the five week core program (BEST orientation and courses) is only EURO 1,200 and may be waived for students from our partner institutions. The program fee amounts to EURO 150. In addition to tuition and fees BEST will charge EURO 820 for housing and breakfast, EURO 90 for health insurance (non-EU students), EURO 100 for local transportation, EURO 70 for course material, EURO 180 for sightseeing excursions, company visits and special events, and EURO 350 for the four days excursion to Berlin. Therefore, the estimated total expenses for the program come to EURO 2,960. This amount does not include the cost for the round-trip transportation to Duisburg as well as the individual living expenses.

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BEST Calendar

BEST Program Costs

BEST Program Costs 2009		
Expenses in EURO	BEST Orientation and Courses May 26 - June 26	BEST Internships Starting from June 29
Tuition ¹	1,200	---
Program Fee ²	150	---
Placement Fee	---	300
Housing and Breakfast	820	800 - 1,000 ³
Health Insurance	90	75 ³
Local Transportation ⁴	100	50 ³
Course Material ⁵	70	---
Field Trips, Company Visits ⁶	180	---
Berlin Excursion ⁷	350	---
Total	2,960	Amount depending on the length of stay

¹ Tuition may be waived for students from partner universities, which waive tuition reciprocally for MSM students. Please, contact the International Office of your home university for additional information.

² Euro 50 of that amount are not refundable.

³ Approximate amount per month of stay.

⁴ Tickets for public buses and trams within Duisburg during the orientation and course program.

⁵ Books, scripts, copies, etc..

⁶ Welcome and farewell party, company meals, entrance fees, guided tours.

⁷ Hotel accommodation, breakfast, ground transportation, entrance fees, guided tours.

Prospective BEST students from our partner colleges and universities may not be charged for the tuition, according to existing cooperation agreements. However, except for tuition, these students must cover all other program costs. Requests for tuition waivers should be directed to the BEST office.

BEST Calendar 2009	
Deadline for admission	March 16
Notification and invoices mailed at the latest	March 31
Payments due	April 24
Last day to receive 80 % refund from withdrawal	May 15
Arrival of BEST participants	May 25
BEST Orientation begins	May 26
BEST Courses begin	June 02
BEST Courses end	June 25
Final examinations	June 26
Departure of BEST participants	June 27

Early applications are recommended and will receive preferential review and notification prior to the above deadlines.

Travel Information and Addresses

Addresses You Can Use

Directions to Duisburg Campus

Duisburg and the campus are easily accessible by plane, car, train or bus.



By Plane:

Duesseldorf International Airport is 25 km (20 minutes by car or train) south of Duisburg on highway (Autobahn) A 44. Train (S-Bahn) number 1 leaves Duesseldorf Airport every 30 minutes to Duisburg's main station (Hauptbahnhof). The RE (Regional Express) and the RB (Regionalbahn) also provide transportation between both locations.



By Car:

Highways (Autobahnen) lead from all directions to Duisburg (A 2/3 from the north and south; A 40 from the east and west). Take exit „Duisburg-Kaiserberg“ or „Duisburg-Wedau“ and follow the sign „Universität“.



By Train and Bus:

Duisburg's main train station (Hauptbahnhof) is served regularly from all directions by the German and European InterCity Rail (IC or EC). Information about the time schedule of national and international trains serving Duisburg is available in the World Wide Web at www.bahn.de.

To reach the campus, take the tram number 901 direction „Mülheim“ and get off at the „Zoo/Uni“ stop. Buses number 923, 924 and 933 direction „Universität“ or „Uni-Nord“ stop just in front of the main entrance to the campus.

You will find the BEST office (LB building, room 147) and the BEST classroom (LA building, room 011B) in section L of the Duisburg Campus, Lotharstrasse 65.

Information on Arrival

Students should arrive in Duisburg on Monday, May 25, 2009. We recommend that students arriving by train inform us in advance about their time of arrival. We will be happy to pick up students at the main train station in Duisburg and drop them at the dorm on demand.

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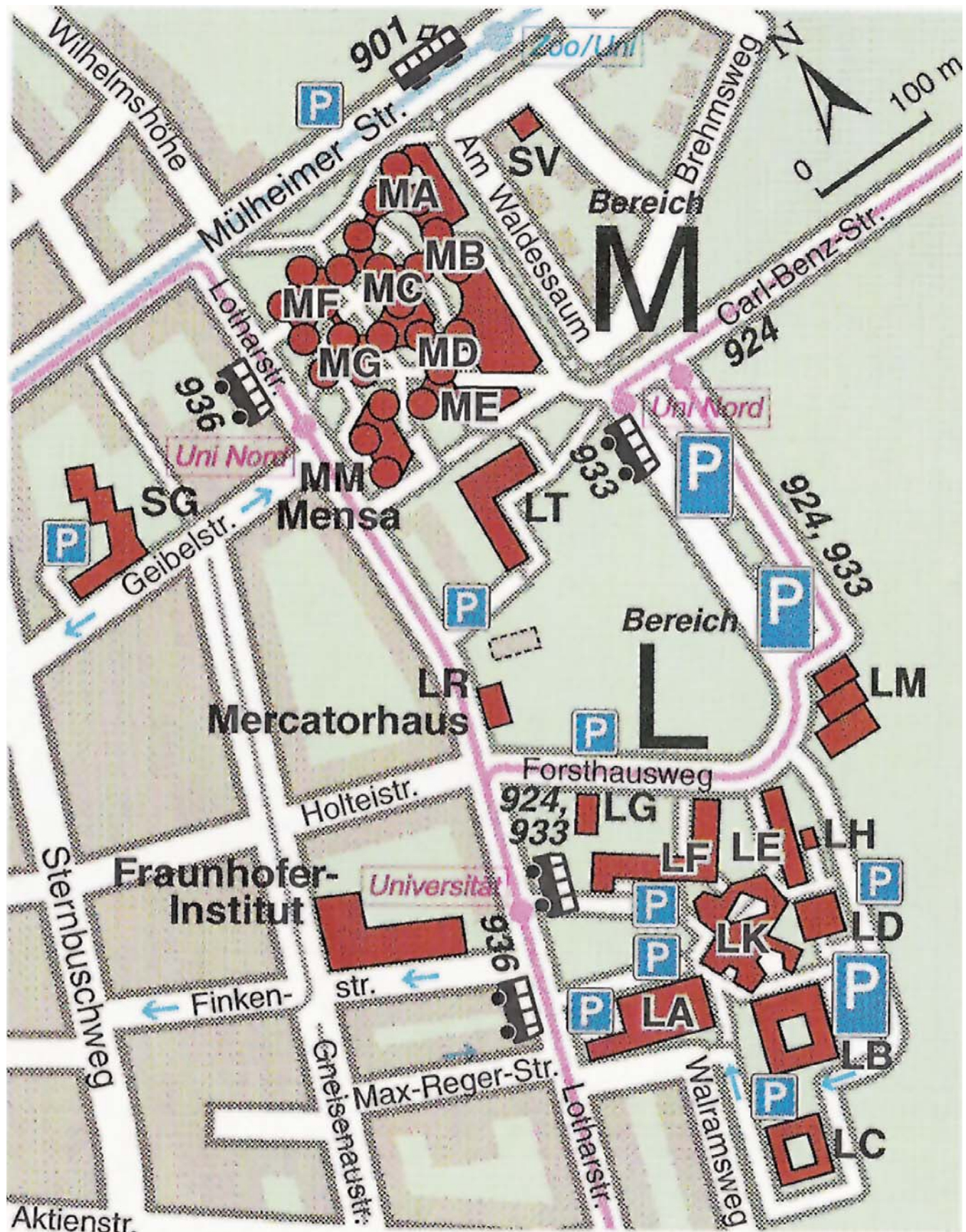
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Map of Duisburg Campus



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