

HSD IO

Hochschule Düsseldorf
University of Applied Sciences

International Office

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Winter Semester 2026/27

Our tutors offer an exciting cultural programme with different free events during the semester. Please find the detailed programme on this flyer.

(REG): Registration is required via the following QR code



Stay up to date on upcoming events by joining our WhatsApp group and following us on Instagram!



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WEEKLY ESN GET-TOGETHER

**EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 23 SEPTEMBER
2026, 21:00**

Join us for a weekly get-together at Retematäng Bar and socialise with locals and fellow exchange students. The bar is known for its casual atmosphere and cheap drinks. This event is organised by ESN.

Meeting Point: Retematäng Bar, Ratinger Straße 43,
40213 Düsseldorf

SEPTEMBER 2026

GUIDED TOUR OLD TOWN (REG)

16 SEPTEMBER 2026, 16:00

Discover the “longest bar in the world” and much more. Düsseldorf’s Altstadt (Old Town) is packed with more than 260 bars, restaurants, cafés and breweries – and a lot of history.

Meeting Point: Tram Station “Heinrich-Heine-Allee” in front of the GUESS store, Neustraße 42, 40213 Düsseldorf

PUB NIGHT

17 SEPTEMBER 2026, 19:00

Socialise with your tutors and fellow exchange students at The Old Irish Pub in the Old Town.

Meeting Point: The Old Irish Pub, Bolkerstraße 23, 40213 Düsseldorf

RHINE TOWER & MEDIA HARBOUR (REG)

18 SEPTEMBER 2026, 16:00

Enjoy the breath-taking view of Düsseldorf from the Rhine Tower and join us on a little tour through the famous Media Harbour.

Meeting Point: In front of the Rhine Tower, Stromstraße 20, 40221 Düsseldorf

EXCHANGE SPEED MEETING

21 SEPTEMBER 2026, 16:00

Get to know German and international students, chat about your home countries and share your experiences.

Meeting Point: HSD dining hall (Mensa)

MEMORIAL SITE

22 SEPTEMBER 2026, 12:00

On the guided tour of the memorial site “Alter Schlachthof” you can learn how HSD commemorates local victims of the Third Reich.

Meeting Point: HSD campus in front of building 1

CITY TRAIL

22 SEPTEMBER 2026, 14:00

Explore Düsseldorf on a city trail organised by our tutors and get to know the city and your fellow exchange students better in a fun way.

Meeting Point: HSD campus in front of building 2

TRIP TO GRAFENBERG WILDLIFE PARK

23 SEPTEMBER 2026, 13:00

Take a break from the big city and join us for a visit to the forest. At the Wildlife Park you can feed tame, free-roaming roe deer straight from your hand. Pro tip: bring some sliced apples or carrots with you!

Meeting Point: Düsseldorf main station (Hauptbahnhof) in front of Starbucks (platform 20)

GUIDED TOUR EKO HOUSE OF JAPANESE CULTURE (REG)

24 SEPTEMBER 2026, 09:00

Discover Japanese culture in Düsseldorf and join us on a visit to the EKO House. At this traditional Japanese cultural centre, you can experience a genuine Buddhist temple, an authentic Japanese house with a tea room, and a beautifully landscaped Japanese-style garden.

Meeting Point: Düsseldorf main station (Hauptbahnhof) in front of Starbucks (platform 20)

DAY TRIP TO COLOGNE

25 SEPTEMBER 2026, 10:45

Join us for a day trip to Cologne. Germany's fourth-largest city will impress you with its rich history and an abundance of attractions, museums, and eateries.

Meeting Point: Düsseldorf main station (Hauptbahnhof) in front of Starbucks (platform 20)

CAMPUS GAMES

26 SEPTEMBER 2026, 11:30 – 14:00

Our campus games give you the chance to get to know fellow exchange students and the HSD campus. You can win great prizes!

Meeting Point: HSD campus at the white tent in front of building 2

BENRATH PALACE PARK

29 SEPTEMBER 2026, 15:00

Explore the park of Benrath Palace which is popular with art and nature lovers alike. The park, which is a listed historical monument, covers more than 61 hectares and is one of the most beautiful parks in Düsseldorf.

Meeting Point: Düsseldorf main station (Hauptbahnhof) in front of Starbucks (platform 20)

TRIP TO DUISBURG

30 SEPTEMBER 2026, 11:00

Join our tutors on a day trip to Duisburg – the city of contrasts in the heart of the Ruhr region. Visit the old steelworks in Duisburg Landscape Park for a magnificent view over the Ruhr area – a great photo spot that you should not miss.

Meeting Point: Düsseldorf main station (Hauptbahnhof) in front of Starbucks (platform 20)

OCTOBER 2026

TRIP TO KAISERSWERTH

1 OCTOBER 2026, 11:00

Explore the legendary ruins right on the banks of the Rhine. Pack a blanket and some snacks and find a spot right by the water to enjoy a picnic with your fellow exchange students.

Meeting Point: Düsseldorf main station (Hauptbahnhof) in front of Starbucks (platform 20)

VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART K21

7 OCTOBER 2026, 17:45

Discover K21, Düsseldorf's hotspot for contemporary art, and take advantage of free entry. In the impressive setting of the former Ständehaus, you can expect to see international street art, photography and captivating video installations.

Meeting Point: K21, Ständehausstraße 1, 40217 Düsseldorf (in front of the main entrance)

NOVEMBER 2026

4D BLACK LIGHT MINI GOLF

05 NOVEMBER 2026, 18:00

Grab your fellow students and show off your skills on the glow-in-the-dark courses to see who's got what it takes to score a perfect hole-in-one. Thanks to our partnership with Studierendenwerk, admission is just €8! Please register by emailing kultur@stw-d.de.

You can find more information about the cultural programme of Studierendenwerk here: stw-d.de/kultur/veranstaltungen/

Meeting Point: GolfZone, Diepenstraße 83, 40625 Düsseldorf

DECEMBER 2026

CHRISTMAS MARKET

2 DECEMBER 2026, 17:30

Experience the most wonderful time of the year in Düsseldorf and discover the beautiful Christmas markets in the city.

Meeting Point: Tram Station "Schadowstraße" (in front of the Coolblue store, Schadowstraße 38)

Please note: Cash only at most stalls.



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Cover photo: "City View" by Alexander Wassermann from South Africa, who completed a semester abroad with us in the Faculty of Mechanical and Process Engineering in 2020.

This is the winning photo from the 2020 International Office Photo Contest in the category "My Impression of Germany".

Show us your favourite impression of Germany and take part in the Photo Contest 2027 for a chance to win a prize!



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