

International Study Program “War and Peace as a Theological and Ecumenical Challenge for the Church”

09 April – 05 July 2024 (Summer Term)

Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal (Protestant University Wuppertal)

Objective: To create an international and intercultural learning group that equips its participants with intercultural skills and experiences.

This program is a challenge: Nine students of theology, three each from Africa, Asia and Germany, live and learn together at the Protestant University Wuppertal (Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal), accompanied by the United Evangelical Mission (UEM). They will attend some lectures and seminars, meet regularly to reflect what they have learned, and attend programs outside of the university together. They live as a community in a student hostel directly on campus, accompanied by UEM staff. Excursions to church and inter-religious projects in and around Wuppertal will round out the program.

Who can participate?

Theological students from member churches of the United Evangelical Mission

(<https://www.vemission.org/en/information/our-mission>) enrolled in a Masters or Doctoral program (deutsche Studierende: Magister oder Pfarramtsstudiengang) in a recognized theological faculty who are interested in acquiring an international perspective and intercultural skills.

It will be ensured that the group is gender balanced. Proficiency in English is a prerequisite.

What will it cost?

Students from Africa and Asia will receive full scholarships from UEM covering room, board, insurance, study fees, transport and pocket money. UEM will also take care of their international travel. Their home churches are asked to cover national travel cost as well as the cost of visa and preparation.

Students from Germany will get a partial scholarship of 450 Euros per month.

How to apply?

You need to submit

- an application letter,
- a CV,
- an endorsement from your church,
- a recommendation from one of your professors,
- an essay of 1,000 words dealing with a topic of your particular interest under the theme of the program.

Please send them, preferably in one pdf document, electronically to gospel@vemission.org, no later than 10 October 2023.

Participants will be chosen from among the applicants by a committee of representatives from UEM and Protestant University.

Weekly study program during the term:

Participants are expected to follow a special set of courses at the Protestant University, but they are also free to engage in their own research in the excellent library of the Protestant University or in the UEM archive.

All courses named below are conducted in English.

Biblical Theology: Peace and War in Old Testament	Prof. Dr. Michaela Geiger
Practical Theology: Preaching Peace	Prof. Dr. Konstanze Kemnitzer
Systematic Theology: Our Peace with God. The salvific work of Christ.	Prof. Dr. Markus Mühling
Intercultural theology: War, peace and reconciliation in intercultural perspective	Prof. Dr. Henning Wrogemann
Intercultural Theology: War and peace as a theological and ecumenical challenge for the church	Dr. Andar Parlindungan Dr. Claudia Währisch-Oblau and others

Weekly reflection group meetings under supervision from UEM open the possibility to discuss questions of interest.

Excursions:

Excursions will be arranged according to the interests of the participants.

Time Table:

09 April	Orientation
10 April	Summer term begins Studying at Protestant University Every Wednesday afternoon: Group reflection meeting
04 July	Evaluation
05 July	Departure of international participants

Questions?

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