

## Summer School in Global and Transnational Sociology

### Duisburg University-Essen (DUE)

#### *Frequently Asked Questions by Maynooth University Students*

1. How can I find out about the Summer School programme?

Full details are available at: [https://www.uni-due.de/soziologie/internationales\\_baplus.php](https://www.uni-due.de/soziologie/internationales_baplus.php)

The application form and details are available there also.

2. Where is the accommodation?

**You arrange your own accommodation.**

DUE will provide advice on housing options but cannot arrange it. The accommodations are not directly on campus but are spread out around the city. There are buses and trams to campus, meaning it's very easy to get to no matter where one lives in town. Once the students arrive in Duisburg, they will be given a bus/train ticket that works throughout the region. Students who attended report that transport in the area is good. All flats/rooms will of course be furnished.

It is recommended to make use of short-term rental offers like airbnb.com or the private student dorms at Dellplatz ([www.studentenwohnheim.dellplatz.de](http://www.studentenwohnheim.dellplatz.de))

Recommended neighbourhoods close to Campus are:

- Duisburg Neudorf
- Duisburg Duissern

For further information and support contact departmental coordinator at UDE.

3. How much will it cost me?

Students in summer 2016 found that the total cost (including fees, travel, accommodation, subsistence etc) came to just over €1,000. These are student estimates and are just for guidance.

4. Who is responsible for what?

DUE is responsible for your academic programme in Germany.

Maynooth University is responsible for handling your academic credit and we liaise with DUE about their academic programmes. We have no responsibility for your other arrangements.

You are responsible for all other arrangements, although DUE will advise.

5. How often does the course meet?

The course seminars are four mornings a week for two weeks. There may be excursions but the organisers' experience is that visiting students most enjoy exploring the city and region by themselves.

6. How does the course count towards my degree in Maynooth?

Assuming that you pass the module in DUE, you will need to register for the DUE module on the Maynooth University Student Web the following academic year. This way you will get credit for it and it will appear on your MU academic transcript. Of course this also means that you will actually have to complete one less module at Maynooth the academic year after you complete the module at DUE). It's important to note that the grade will not be part of the calculation of your overall degree mark, which will be based only on modules taken at Maynooth. This arrangement is with the Sociology department and modules can only be counted towards the Sociology or Politics degree, as stated at registration. You pay the normal student charges at Maynooth in the following year.

7. When is the assessment for the course due?

The assessment will be submitted after the course. Depending on the seminar, students will be able to submit term papers/projects up to two weeks after the last meeting. Marks and transcripts are generally available within 6-8 weeks after the end of the course.

8. What about accessibility for students with disabilities?

The library and many seminar rooms are ground floor (or in case of the library accessed by elevator). Parts of the campus are wheelchair accessible, but not many flats/rooms are. DUE organisers will pursue solutions to any problems if necessary. The organisers would ask to be notified of students' needs as soon as possible so they can actively pursue solutions.

9. What is the atmosphere like at DUE?

Very similar to Maynooth, according to the organisers (who have themselves visited Maynooth). Like Maynooth, the student body is diverse and the atmosphere welcoming. Many of the students in your classes are German students taking modules as part of their degree but there are also students from Turkey, the US and elsewhere.

10. Anything else?

Remember to get and bring a European Health Insurance Card (available for free from the HSE). This ensures access to certain healthcare services in Germany and is also a valuable form of ID.

Warning: If you arrive on a Sunday, shops and restaurants may be closed.

Please feel free to contact the DUE organisers directly with any further questions:

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