Towards a multiperspectival cooperation: Study trips and research excursions

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The University of Bayreuth

- **Founded**: 1975
- **Number of professors**: 238
  - International professors: 26
- **Number of students**: 13,306
  - International students: 1,028
- **Number of doctoral researchers**: 1,100
  - International doctoral researchers: 240
- **Academic staff (without professors)**: 1,130
  - International academic staff: 167
- **International Cooperation**
  - International cooperation agreements: ca. 580
  - Double degrees/ international studies: >30
  - Sommer schools: EASM, BISS, Summer University, GCE
- **THE-Ranking** (Times Higher Education)
  - World University Rankings 2016/2017: rank group 251-300
  - Young University Rankings 2017: 29th of 200 universities
- **www.uni-bayreuth.de**

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Lviv Institute for Management

- **Founded:** September 1990
- Number of professors: 6 | Number of lecturers: 26
- **Number of students:** aprox. 400
  - Bachelor: Management (International Management, Business Administration, Tourism and Hotel-Management), Marketing (E-Marketing)
  - Master: Management (MBA), Business Administration and Public Administration
- **International Cooperation**
  - **Cooperation partners in Germany:** Univ. Leipzig, TU Dortmund, Univ. Bayreuth, RFWU Bonn, Univ. Trier, FH Trier, Univ. Saarland
- [www.lim.lviv.ua](http://www.lim.lviv.ua)

Lviv National Ivan-Franko-University

- **Founded:** 1661 | 20 Faculties
- **Number of students:** 19770 (10852 at the expense of the state budget)
- Number of professors: 194 | Number of lecturers: 2183
- [www.lnu.edu.ua](http://www.lnu.edu.ua)
2015:
Moving seminar I: Borders and encounters along the via regia, Bayreuth-Lviv (Auswärtiges Amt)

2016:
Moving seminar II: Flight and Migration as a challenge for civil societies, Lviv-Bayreuth (DAAD)

2014:
Visit of a DAAD-study trip group from Lviv in Bayreuth

2017:
Moving seminar III: Galicia, Bayreuth-Lviv (BayHOST)

2016ff.:
Lectures in Bayreuth, Lviv and Kyiv

2018:
Two students from Bayreuth write their B.Sc./M.Sc. Thesis in Lviv (BayHOST)

2018:
Prof. Wolf (German language and literature, UBT) visiting UDGV-Conference in Lviv

Future tasks:
Widening the disciplinary focus
2019: Moving seminar V: Ukraine
2019: DAAD short term docent in Lviv
2019: Research project

2017:
Memorandum of Understanding between UBT and LNU

2018:
Moving seminar IV: Post-socialist cities, Bayreuth-Kyiv (Univ. of Bayreuth)

2018/2019:
Visiting PhD-researcher (Ukr. Academy of Sciences) at Institute of Geography (DAAD)

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The DAAD supports study trips (7-12 days) by universities from foreign countries to Germany with 50€/day/person. Dr. Myronyuk was involved as consultant in >10 study trips.

Main goals
1. Providing subject-related knowledge through appropriate visits, visits and Information talks
2. Meeting with German students and scientists to establish and maintain contacts between German and foreign universities
3. Cultural insight into the economic, political and cultural life in Germany (max. 1/3 of the program)

Further benefits
1. Higher Motivation for Ukrainian students to learn German and/or English language, to go to Germany for studies or internship and to develop scientific interest in Germany
2. Starting-point for follow-up actions like PhD-/M.Sc.-programmes and joint research projects

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Study trips from a dual perspective

**Success factors**

- Wide, diversified network of reliable partners
- New partners: precise communication and explanation of the contexts
- Active communication with DAAD

**Success factors**

- Willingness of German institutions to host a study trip
- Covering costs with financial support from DAAD
- Mediocre chances for grants => self-financed trips, external funding

**Challenges**

- Willingness of German institutions to host a study trip
- Motivation of Ukrainians

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- Language skills of Ukrainian students => Ukrainian student assistant
- Interest of German students in encounters => activate participants of past projects

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Starting point: How can we establish a multiperspectival view on the historic and current Galicia region? Research not about, but with Ukrainians.

- Combining a 12 day regular field trip for 20 German students of Geography (B.Sc./M.Sc./Teaching-study) supported by UBT study grants (“Studienzuschüsse”) and a voluntary field trip for 5 Ukrainian students supported by BayHOST.

- Executive lecturers: N. Teufel, Prof. Doevenspeck (UBT)
  In cooperation with O. Veklyn, I. Vanda, O. Odleshuk, Dr. Myronyuk

- Research orientation: multi-sited fieldwork in Kraków and Lviv
  Ukrainian-German groups: 1+4
  Goals: Practicing empirical methods and regional analysis, social skills
  5 topics: Tourism infrastructure, memorial landscape, large scale urban planning projects, Galician identity, folk architecture

Success factors

**Binational groups**

Encounters between Ukrainians and Germans as the core element of student exchange

Complementary skills: Creativity and structures, language skills, regional and theoretical knowledge

**Multisited approaches**

Actions should not exclusively take place only in Ukraine or Germany

Changing roles: hosts and guests; insiders and outsiders

**Mutual planning**

Ideas can come from both sides, but planning and activities should be done together, e.g. 4 meetings, joint development of field schedule; 3 out of 10 days conducted by Ukrainian scholars

**Future perspectives for both**

Actively encouraging students and lecturers for further actions, e.g. 2 Bachelor/Master thesis in Lviv by German students; 1 Ukrainian student found a job at Invest in Lviv

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Connecting students UA-GER

Shyness from both sides in the beginning. Social events help to break the ice between participants and Mixed work in groups lead to the understanding that questions could only be answered together.

Institutional context UA

Little English or German skills in higher positions

Bureaucracy and lack of transparency in terms of decision-making => constant learning process from German side and improvements in Ukraine.

Sustainability

Most cooperation was financed with short-term (up to 1 year) grants. However, the network is sustainable, reliable and growing.

Visa for Ukrainians

Easier since the VISA-free regime and biometrical passports, but still a problem, when it comes to internships/fellowships with long-term stays in Germany.

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