From Ukrainian Schools to Masters in Germany - Student Exchange with a Perspective

University of Bamberg
Cooperation with Ukrainian Schools
Partner in BIDS

School №8 in Lviv is a PASCH School offering intensive German teaching and it is an official partner in the BayBIDS project. Every year in June a group of 15 students and two teachers visit five universities in Bavaria. Also, one teacher receives a scholarship for the 4 week International Summer University in Bamberg in August. School №8 is regularly visited by representatives of the University of Bamberg.
Partners in academic cooperation

Exchange of students, teachers and administrative staff

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

Ukrainian Catholic University
International Summer University

Every year in August up to 15 students from Lviv participate in the four-week International Summer University in Bamberg. Students attend language courses on all levels from beginner to advanced. Most of them receive a stipend from the DAAD, BAYHOST or the University of Bamberg.
The semester exchange programme with the Ukrainian partners started in 2011. On average about six Ukrainian Bachelor and Master students study in Bamberg each semester, lately equipped with Erasmus+ stipends of 4,000 € per semester. Subjects include German, English, Translation Studies and Informatics. For Ukrainian Ph.D. students of German and Translation Studies the Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung also provides research stipends for up to two months.
Master’s Degree Students

Every year, a certain number of exchange students decide to apply for a Master’s degree course at the University of Bamberg, such as Teaching German as a Foreign Language, English and American Studies or Computing in the Humanities.
Financing a Master’s Degree

Ukrainian Master students have received scholarships from the University of Bamberg, the DAAD and German foundations, and they found jobs in Bamberg, for instance in restaurants and hotels. In addition, the International Office has offered student assistant jobs each semester.
Career Start in Germany (Study and Stay)

The International Office of the University of Bamberg has offered several full and part-time employment opportunities for Ukrainian students also beyond the completion of their Master’s degrees for a career start in Germany. Just recently one Ukrainian, after finishing her Master of Arts in German and working part time at the International Office; has been offered a full-time and open-ended contract at Humboldt-University Berlin.
Extension of Networking in Ukraine

**German Studies network:** Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Sumy State University and Kherson State University

**Computing and Business network:** Ukrainian Catholic University Lviv, Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics, National Aviation University Kyiv
School Project “Europa macht Schule”

Ukrainian students regularly participate in the School project „Europa macht Schule“, offering a set of Ukrainian culture classes at Bamberg schools.
School exchange project “LOS GEHT’S”

The aims of the Bamberg:UA project are:

- to improve the German-Ukrainian intercultural exchange
- to initiate a long-term cooperation between German and Ukrainian schools
- to show children a different culture and give them perspectives on the world
- to encourage young people to learn foreign languages
- to lay the foundation for an extended friendship between Germany and Ukraine

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First stage of the project “LOS GEHT’S”: Visit of Ukrainian Students to Bamberg

- Exchange between E.T.A.-Hoffmann-Gymnasium (Bamberg) and two Ukrainian schools from the villages Zabra (Lviv region) and Kamin (Ivano-Frankivsk region)
- A group of 15 Ukrainian students between 13 and 17 years of age and two teachers were hosted by German students and teachers
- Period of stay in Bamberg: 25 April – 4 May 2018
- Activities: German language courses for Ukrainian guests, cultural and educational exchange, excursions, visit to the University of Bamberg
Second stage of the project “LOS GEHT’S”:
Visit of German Students to Ukraine

- Period of stay in Ukraine:
  18 – 29 September 2018
- Places to visit: partner schools in Zubra and Kamin, the city of Lviv, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and Ukrainian Catholic University Lviv
- Activities: Ukrainian language courses for German guests and cultural exchange, excursions, a day trip to the Carpathian mountains
Thank you for your attention!

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