

Good to Know

- **There is no tuition!** Studying in Germany is generally free of charges. Students have to pay only an administrative fee which covers public transportation as well as social infrastructure on campus.
- **Great study environment.** At the departments involved, we have small classes and lasting relationships between students and teachers. The team of the Ashkenazic Studies exchange is always invested to find individual solutions for everyone.



- **Meet locals.** The university's buddy program enables international students to meet with local students. Also a language tandem with one of our Hebrew learners from Jewish studies can help to practice German.
- **Learn German and get to know Potsdam.** The University of Potsdam offers the *Deutsch(land)kurs Willkommen* as an intensive language program to international students before the start of the semester, including city tours and intercultural trainings.

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Exchange Program *Ashkenazic Studies* between Potsdam and Haifa

The exchange program in the field of **Jewish history and culture in Central and Eastern Europe** started at the University of Potsdam and the University of Haifa in 2015. The program has been run by the Slavic Department and the Department of Jewish and Religious Studies at Potsdam in close collaboration with the Department of Jewish History and the School of History at Haifa. The exchange program is supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and Erasmus+ (EU program).

Each year students of master's programs have the opportunity to **study one semester at the partner institution**. The program is mainly directed at students interested in Ashkenazic Jewry, but applications of other students will also be considered. While studying at the University of Potsdam, the students from Haifa are supported with a **monthly scholarship of 850 €** and a one-off payment of **360 € for travel cost coverage**.

Short-term guest lectureships at the partner institutions have also been part of the exchange.



University of Potsdam, Matthias Friel

University of Potsdam

Young, modern and oriented towards the future: The University of Potsdam was founded in 1991 shortly after Germany's reunification and has since developed into one of the leading scientific institutions in Germany. It impresses with its great variety of study programs, courses, and distinct interdisciplinary research profile.

The University of Potsdam is a lively community of teachers and students. Research findings are directly incorporated into teaching and students can feel the intellectual dynamism in their fields.



The university is located right next to a UNESCO World Heritage site in Potsdam, a charming city that combines the remnants of German-Prussian aristocracy with East German socialism. Potsdam is neighboring Berlin and belongs to the metropolitan area of Germany's capital. The center of Berlin with its restless cultural life is only a 30-minute train ride away. Public transportation to Berlin and its surroundings is free for students of the University of Potsdam.

Academic Profile

The city of Potsdam is home to a number of renowned institutions for Jewish studies and Jewish history. Among these are the Moses Mendelssohn Centre for European-Jewish Studies and the Abraham Geiger College which is the first liberal rabbinical seminary in Continental Europe after the Shoah. The guest students from Haifa are invited to participate in courses and events, organized by those institutions.

Furthermore, Jewish and religious studies are one of the foci of the humanities at the University of Potsdam. Besides general Jewish history and philosophy the departments involved in the exchange program concentrate on the historic relationships between Jews and their non-Jewish neighbors in Central and Eastern Europe. Another subject of research is the history of Ashkenazic immigrant communities in the Americas and Israel.



Program participants are welcome to attend courses outside the field of Ashkenazic Studies in accordance with their interests and the requirements of their individual study program. As the University of Potsdam is oriented towards an international academic public, it offers a broad range of lectures and seminars in both English and German language.