

1. Program Objectives

Responses to the novel coronavirus have varied from country to country. Would you like to learn about “pandemic and culture” from faculty members of Free University of Berlin (FU), one of the premier institutions of higher education in Germany? And how about having a daily discussion with students of the university?

This program focuses on learning about the pandemic in Germany from faculty members of FU in English. Additionally, there will be a daily interaction in English with the students of FU in English, one of the USTEP schools (university wide exchange program) with which our school has had many ties over the years. The program will inspire you to think about study abroad and various career opportunities in the future. It is open to all students regardless of their class and disciplinary backgrounds.

2. Program Contents

Students will attend and participate in classes offered by FU on March 16(Tue) and 18(Thu) and reflect on the significance of pandemic and culture, with special focus on the novel coronavirus. What does the novel coronavirus, for example, have to do with gender? And does the impact on gender dynamics differ from society to society? After the lecture, students will have a chance to discuss and debate various issues with students in Germany. There will also be an orientation lecture on Germany by Professor Kaori Hayashi of the University of Tokyo (Graduate School of Interdisciplinary Information Studies).

Students interested in experiencing courses offered by this leading institution in Europe are welcome! No prior knowledge on any of the above topics is required. All the lectures will be offered in English. You do not have to understand everything but keeping efforts to listen is necessary (Follow-up lectures by the faculty in charge and graduate students will be conducted).

There will be an in-person interactive program in Berlin, Germany, next year. Your participation in this program will be factored in the selection process, should you wish to apply for the program next year.

Note: This program does not come with any UTokyo credits. UTokyo students are asked to write an activity report and upload it as a part of their Go Global Gateway project.

3. Program Period

March 16 (Tue.)& March 18 (Thu.), 2021(Japan time)

* The program lasts from 5:00 pm to 8:10 pm (Japan time) each day.

4. Number of UTokyo Students Accepted

Approx. 20 students who have submitted the Go Global Statement

*The program requires a minimum number of participants to avoid cancellation. UTokyo reserves the right to cancel the program.

5. Program Schedule (TBC)

December 10(Thu), 5:00 pm	Deadline of internal application
Mid – Late December	Announcement of selection results
February 4 (Thu), 7:00pm~8:00pm	Program Orientation 1(Mandatory)
March 16(Tue), 10:00 am~11:00am	Program Orientation 2 (Mandatory)
March 16(Tue) & 18(Thu), 5:00 pm ~ 8:10 pm	Program

***All the above dates and time are in Japan time.**

6. Program Eligibility Criteria and Requirements

Applicants must meet all the following requirements in addition to those listed on the Application

Guidelines:

- (1) Students should possess an intermediate level of English (TOEFL iBT 65~80 is recommended.).
- (2) Students must have interest in taking lectures in foreign universities, studying English, and experiencing different cultures.

7. Program Costs

Free (UTokyo will cover program fees)

8. Orientation

The program orientation will be held through Zoom after the internal selection. Attending both orientations is required.

- 1) February 4 (Thu.), 2021. 7:00pm-8:00pm.
- 2) March 16(Tue), 2021. 10:00am-11:00am

Medium: Zoom (The information will be sent to participants after the internal selection)

9. Inquiry

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