

International Exchange to the USA 2023

Practical Information

Contacts

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Members of the delegation

Executives and leadership staff of public student service organizations in Germany (the STWs) as well as colleagues from comparable institutions in other European countries within the European Council for Student Affairs (ECStA). Participants do not need to be NASPA members.

Costs

Participants pay for their own airfare. Accommodation and conference participation as well as most meals are covered by a participation fee of approx. 1500,00 Euro per person, which will be invoiced before the exchange.

Since Boston is a very expensive city, please calculate additional expenses for occasional dinners, personal expenses and public transportation in Boston.

Languages

Working language of the study visit is American English. A good knowledge of English (level B2) is required. If needed, DSW can provide support with the specific vocabulary and occasionally provide informal consecutive translation in group events.

Registration

All participants must register on the DSW-online registration platform by February 10, 2023:

<https://form.jotform.com/223494392739973>

The study visit takes place when there are at least five registered persons, and the entire group is limited to a maximum of 15 persons. A waiting list will be opened if there are more registrations than places.

Please make sure to register as soon as possible, please register only one person per institution, and be prepared to be on a waiting list.

After confirmation, NASPA will sign up all participants for the international symposium and the campus tours.

More practical information particularly on travel arrangements, entry conditions, accommodation and a detailed program is sent to the registered participants shortly after the deadline.

Travel and Airport Information

Participants should book their flights directly to Boston Logan International Airport (BOS). Please contact Sven Engel if you wish to book the same flight as DSW staff.

Travel details from Boston airport to the conference hotel(s):

Accommodation

After confirmation of the registration, DSW will provide hotel information based on a special conference package negotiated by NASPA (more info to follow soon).

Insurance

DSW recommends all participants to take on an adequate insurance for international health coverage, liability and loss of baggage. More information is available upon contacting the DSW office in Berlin.

VISA & entry regulations to the US

European citizens must possess a biometric passport that is valid for the entire stay in the USA, and must apply well before departure for a visa or visa waiver within the US Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). Please refer to the website of the US Embassy in Germany: <https://de.usembassy.gov/de/esta/> or in your home country for more information.

Please make your ESTA application only on the official website: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>

Travel and safety information is also available on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/aussenpolitik/laender/usa-node/usavereinigtstaatensicherheit/201382>

Dress Code

The recommended dress code for the international exchange is business casual. All participants are recommended to wear clothing that is both adapted to climate conditions and to make them feel safe and comfortable

Electricity

The US power grid operates on 120 V / 60 MHz. Please make sure that your electric devices are suitable for the different voltage.

Please remember to bring the appropriate adapter or buy on at the departure airport.



Digital Communication

Wireless internet connections are available in most hotels. Free wireless internet access for members of academic institutions can also be provided through the eduRoam-network. See www.eduroam.org for further information and to link you home account.

Climate Information

Climate conditions should be similar to European early spring.