

# Creating Sustainable Futures – An Interdisciplinary Summer School 2025



### About Kiel University of Applied Sciences



With almost 8,000 students, Kiel University of Applied Sciences is the second largest university in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany's northernmost federal state. Kiel UAS is located directly on the Kiel Fjord-where you can enjoy lunch in the canteen right by the water or go for a relaxing swim after lectures.

Kiel UAS consists of a total of six faculties: Agricultural Economics, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering,

Media and Civil Engineering, Social Work and Health, Economics, and Health Studies. Some of the faculties offer very specialized courses, such as Architecture, Shipbuilding and Maritime Engineering, or Media Engineering.

Enjoy practical studies directly on the fjord and of course in Kiel, a city with Nordic flair in the true north of Germany!

Whatever you want to experience – the choice is yours! By deciding between two different options, you can create the trip to Germany you have always dreamed of.

Are you interested in joining our courses and feel the Nordic flair of Kiel yourself? Do you want to dive deep into the maritime culture and visit numerous landmarks and museums in the area? Then our **Option A** is the perfect fit for you.

Do you want to extent your stay a bit and experience two very different German cities? You can additionally take part in the vibrant und colorful life that is Berlin and dive into what it means to live the big city life in Germany. Then our **Option B** is your best bet.

### **Important Dates**

Application Deadline	April 23, 2025
Arrival Day	June 30, 2025
Class Beginning	July 1, 2025
Class Ending	July 10, 2025
Departure Day	
Option A	July 11, 2025
Option B	July 14, 2025



Languages

### Course Offers

### 3 credit points in total

Course TitleAreaManaging Sustainability for Modern BusinessBusinessDesign Thinking & LearningInterdisciplinarySustainability CommunicationMediaSustainability & Climate NeutralityEngineering

**Course Descriptions** 

Survival German

### Title Description

Managing Sustainability for Modern Business

The course examines how businesses can aspire towards 'natural capitalism' where profit motives unite with the pursuit of environmental and social betterment. The course begins with an account of the damages human influences have caused on several measurable environmental factors which ultimately leads to an exploration of how levels of human well-being can be maintained in light of contemporary consumption patterns.

The goal of the course is to find avenues of genuine sustainable agendas that coexist with capitalistic mindsets, seeking synergetic solutions for the environment and businesses.

## Design Thinking & Learning

Students spend their studies absorbing factual knowledge. This is useful, but not enough, as it imposes a double limitation. It narrows the focus to a single field and one type of knowledge. Yet, most challenges are interdisciplinary, and factual knowledge is always complemented by experiential knowledge.

If we consider the know-how from creative work, we notice that it is often quite similar across disciplines. And this is exactly where our workshop comes in.

We are professors from the fields of computer science and architecture.

While our disciplines differ, the methods we use to design programs and buildings are strikingly similar. That's why we collaborate and why we offer this experiential knowledge to all students in an interdisciplinary workshop.

As a means to practice this kind of creative thinking, we have chosen a theme that is both quickly accessible and yet unfamiliar: The Future of Learning.

Sustainability Communication	This course explores the meaning, relevance, and characteristics of sustainability communication. By combining theory and practical insights, participants will learn to navigate key communication challenges, understand greenwashing and effectively address different target groups.
Sustainability & Climate Neutrality	Either a lecture on regenerative energies in connection with a lab tour and lab experiments OR Lecture on Climate Neutrality by 2045 with group work.
Survival German	Learning the basics of the German language as well as some interesting tidbits about the German culture.

### **Cultural Excursions**

Option A includes various cultural excursions to the surrounding areas and beaches of Kiel, a high ropes course, a ride on a historic ship as well as visiting Laboe and its landmarks.

Option B includes all of Option A with the addition of a trip to Berlin where visits to the Brandenburger Tor, Castle, Charlottenburg, the Wall and many more are included.

## **Application & Fees**

**Applications are open until April 23, 2025.** Please submit your online application here: <a href="mailto:incoming@fh-kiel.de">incoming@fh-kiel.de</a> using the following format:

Last	First	Date of	Study Level	Degree	Home	Email	
Name	Name	Birth	(Bachelor/Master)	Program	University	address	

Application Fees	Option A*	Option B**
Partner Universities	850€	1.130 €
Non Partner Universities	1.150 €	1.430 €

<sup>\*</sup>This price includes the application and tuition fee as well as the accommodation in Kiel, entrance to any cultural activities and excursions in Kiel, and public transportation within Kiel.

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