MARBURG COURSES and COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

CREDITS AND COURSELOAD

Uni Marburg uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The conversion of ECTS credits to UW-Eau Claire credits is simple: Two ECTS credits equal one UW-Eau Claire credit.

To make sense of this: to earn 12 UW-Eau Claire credits, you will need to register for 24 ECTS credits. Classes may carry anywhere from two to 12 ECTS credits, so the actual number of classes you will take can vary a great deal.

TYPES OF CLASSES

German university courses are typically divided into four categories:

- 1) Vorlesung lecture
- 2) Uebung practical exercise/lab
- 3) Pro-seminar small group
- 4) Seminar advanced small group

Vorlesungen are typically more introductory, while Pro-Seminare and Seminare are more advanced.

COURSE LEVELS:

A "Basismodul" is an introductory course required for all students in that discipline. An "Aufbaumodul" assumes some pre-requisite knowledge.

FINDING CLASSES

Regular Exchange

The following links take you to Uni Marburg course information:

- Regular university courses offered in English
- On Line catalog of <u>regular university courses offered in German</u> or English (Vorlesungsverzeichnis)

For the Marburg IUSP, <u>click here</u>. You will see course descriptions from previous semesters.

Because course schedules are not released until shortly before the beginning of that academic year, you will be looking at previous year's course schedule to get an idea of the types of courses you want to take. In most subject areas, similar courses are offered on a rotating basis one time each academic year. But the same classes every year/semester. Introductory-level courses

(Basismodule) are more likely to be repeated. There is no guarantee that these specific courses will be offered again.

Once you are in the catalog, you will want to look at several departments to see how they list their classes. You should only look at Bachelor level courses (BA or B.SC.) **There is no standard format**.

Browse the catalogue and try to get a feel for what is offered and what is realistic for you in terms of German language proficiency (ability to follow along and contribute actively) and academic level. Once you have a sense of how things are titled and presented in different departments, click on "Suche nach Veranstaltungen." on the left toolbar.

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In the "Titel der Veranstaltung" text box, you can enter a key word that appears in any course title. The system will call up ALL course titles containing your key word. You can click on the title to see a course description. Again, only look at Bachelor's level courses. If it says "M.Sc" in the "Vst.-Art" column, it is Master's level.

UWEC COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

Some courses you can take at Uni Marburg have already been evaluated for UW-Eau Claire credit. However, because Marburg does not always use consistent course numbering or titles, it can sometimes be difficult to determine if you are looking at the same course. To find courses that have been evaluated for Marburg, go to the <u>Transfer Wizard</u>.

- Choose "Germany", then hit "Search"
- Choose "Phillips University Marburg"
- Click "Search" again. All Uni Marburg courses that have been evaluated for UWEC credit will appear.
- If you find a course that sounds similar to the one you are looking at in the Uni Marburg catalog, but you are not sure that it is the same course, contact the UWEC study abroad coordinator for Hessen.

• If you do not find a similar course on the list, it has not yet been evaluated for UWEC credit.

Always keep in mind that Transfer Wizard is a historical record of past course equivalencies. There is no guarantee that the same courses are still offered, or will be offered in the future