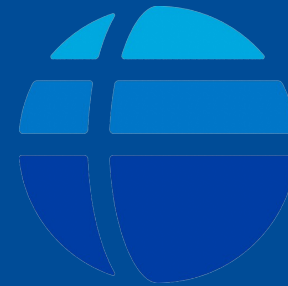


WHY SUPPORT OUR CAUSE?

Immersive language and culture learning is not only a fantastic way to learn a language authentically and navigate a different culture quickly and correctly, it also teaches skills crucial to our next generation of leaders and citizens such as

- cross-cultural empathy and understanding
- cultural literacy
- social and soft skills
- critical thinking
- problem solving
- international networking skills
- global engagement and responsibility
- tolerance and respect



Additionally, the Fulbright FLTA Program is crucial in highlighting Sonoma State's commitment to international education. It fosters students' intercultural awareness, demystifies other cultures, and prepares our students to be professionally competitive on a national and global scale. Since 2010 Fulbright FLTAs have engaged with the campus and local community by offering cross-cultural events. Since there is no SSU funding for an FLTA in the near future, we hope to find donors who are interested in global affairs and help funding the prestigious Fulbright Program.

Support the FLTA Program at Sonoma State University and secure culturally sensitive leadership for our next generation:



Find out more about Nathan Gerdes (FLTA 2023-2024) and other FLTAs:



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WHAT MAKES IT SPECIAL?

Fulbright – A scholarship of highest prestige

The Fulbright FLTA Program's aims to build bridges between nations by appointing cultural and language ambassadors. This year, 12 Germans and 11 Austrians were selected to bring the German language and culture experience to universities all across the US.

Of these 23 colleges, only two are located on the West Coast and there is **only one school in California**: SSU. SSU is the only university in the CSU system that has been hosting a Fulbright FLTA. This program offers SSU students the unique opportunity of learning the language with a native peer and experiencing contemporary German culture. Unfortunately, SSU is currently unable to provide funding for this internationally recognized program promoting international education for our students.



FLTA Events Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

German Movie Night • Kaffeestunde • Tabling with the German Club • Coffee and Culture: Germany (x IEEC) • Fundraiser for German Club: Candy and Advent Calendars • Lantern Crafting for Saint Martin's Day • German Language Bites (during International Education Week) • RuPaul's Drag Race Germany-Screening • Sexuality and Sex Education in Germany: Campus-wide Lecture • Cultural Commingle – International Speed Friending (x IEEC) • International Trivia Night (x Associated Students) • Spring Soirée (x IEEC)

other examples

Guest Speaker at Cross-Cultural Communication Business Class • Getaway Trip to the Berlin and Beyond Film Festival in SF • German Breakfast Potluck • Eurovision Song Contest 2024 Watchparty

WHAT DO I DO?

As an FLTA, I

- teach or assist in German language classes
- share German traditions, cultures, and histories
- plan and facilitate international and German-themed events on and off campus
- support language students in their German Studies, e.g. through tutoring and Kaffeestunde
- support German Club events, e.g. the bi-weekly German Movie Nights
- act as a German cultural ambassador on and off campus
- promote the German Program at SSU
- raise interest in studying and interning abroad



Sexuality and sex education in Germany



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