

## WHEN AND WHERE?

- ▶ **Part 1 | in Germany (Nürtingen):** June 02, 2024 – June 09, 2024
- ▶ **Part 2 | in Estonia (Tartu):** August 11, 2024 – August 18, 2024

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Students from Bachelor's and Master's programmes from both host universities and other universities in Baden-Württemberg and Estonia.

**NO FEES**

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

**For students from the two host universities and the University of Hohenheim** there are no fees for both parts of the summer school: All costs for travelling and accommodation are covered by the programme.

**For students from other universities** the fee (incl. costs for travel and accommodation) for the entire programme is 1,600 €.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Please fill out the application form and submit your application including a letter of motivation, a curriculum vitae and copies of your school-leaving certificates or updated transcript of records.



### APPLY NOW

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT:

[www.hfwu.de/studium/studienangebot/nachhaltige-agrar-und-ernaehrungswirtschaft/](http://www.hfwu.de/studium/studienangebot/nachhaltige-agrar-und-ernaehrungswirtschaft/)  
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The application period is open till November 11, 2023

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# GERMAN-ESTONIAN SUMMER SCHOOL: SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL & FOOD BUSINESS

# SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL, WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

### YOU WILL ...

- ▶ learn more about the importance of agriculture and the food industry for sustainable development in Estonia and Germany
- ▶ understand the challenges agricultural and food industry enterprises face in production and social acceptance and how they deal with them in both countries
- ▶ learn to reflect your own cultural background and adopt an intercultural perspective
- ▶ be able to apply a research method from the social sciences
- ▶ deepen your research skills in social sciences
- ▶ work together with fellow students on a small research project focusing on questions of the transition to sustainable agri-food



## THE RESEARCH PROJECT: TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE AGRI-FOOD

In Estonia and Germany – as in most EU countries – the issue of sustainability of food production and sustainable food consumption is currently being discussed intensively and widely in society. This concerns greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, the replacement of fossil inputs, the state of soil, water and biodiversity, the use of chemicals, the quality and safety of food, animal welfare and the use of antibiotics, traceability, the role of cutting-edge technologies, ethics etc. While public attention is increasing, especially for food, the agri-food sector itself is also facing generational change problems. The reaction and the search for appropriate solutions are different in each case. In addition to the various political and technical measures and approaches to solutions, different cultural and agricultural-structural or sector-typical characteristics in particular are seen as key factors for dealing with these problems in the future. Furthermore, the response to these challenges also requires changes at the level of corporate governance, especially with regard to the aspect of corporate responsibility.

Against this background the main question for the project is: What are the cultural as well as the structural characteristics of agriculture in Germany, Estonia and other countries, which lead to different development strategies for the future of agri-food? How to deal with challenges caused by the current and future developments of sustainability efforts and social changes? Which case studies exist and what can we learn from them?

## WILL I RECEIVE CREDITS (ECTS) FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL?



**NGU awards 12 ECTS** for the participation in the entire project for the compulsory module »Research Project« in the Master's programme »Sustainable Agriculture and Food Management«.

**Estonian University of Life Sciences awards 10 ECTS** for the participation in the entire project, as a free elective course.

## THE PROGRAMME

The programme focuses on working on the research project on the topic of »Transition to sustainable agri-food« within the framework of a two-part winter/summer school. The first part will take place in Germany (Nürtingen), the second in Estonia (Tartu). To prepare the content of the project and to get to know each other, online lectures and meetings will take place in January/February 2022. Between the two parts of the winter/summer school, virtual lectures/meetings will take place in which the groups will continue to work together on the project.

## THE FIRST PRELIMINARY TIME PLAN FOR THE WINTER/SUMMER SCHOOL IS AS FOLLOWS:

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In both parts, the sustainable agri-food sector will be examined in several workshops with a view to the cultural and structural differences in both countries using scientific methods. Numerous inputs by experts from the agriculture and food industry in both countries as well as excursions to companies and organisations in the sector are also included in the programme. At the end of both parts of winter/summer school, a trip to Berlin or Tallinn to get insights from the agricultural policy makers and get to know the culture of the respective country is planned. In addition, there will be enough free time for own activities.