

Welcome to St. Ursula's

A Guide for International Students



Bischöfliches Gymnasium Sankt Ursula is a private secondary school which prepares students for the highest exam of education in Germany. It is located about 30km from Aachen close to the NATO Air Base.

About 1100 students attend St. Ursula's and are taught by more than 90 teachers.

As a private Catholic school belonging to the Diocese of Aachen, religious orientation is an integral part of school life, which includes not only Religious Education lessons but also weekly church services.

To create a positive and helpful environment, St. Ursula's staff believes in a positive and intense parent-teacher relationship founding on close communication.

Lesson times

Lesson 1	7.40 - 8.25
Lesson 2	8.25 - 9.10
Break	9.10 - 9.25
Lesson 3	9.25 - 10.10
Lesson 4	10.15 - 11.00
Break	11.00 - 11.20
Lesson 5	11.20 - 12.05
Lesson 6	12.10 - 12.55
Break	12.55 - 13-25
Lesson 7	13.25 - 14.10
Lesson 8	14.10 - 14.55

Schedules for classes

Class 5:	30 lessons / week
Class 6:	30 lessons / week

Contact information

Homepage:

<https://www.st-ursula-gk.de/>

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Being an international student at St. Ursula's ...

... means being part of a regular class

- International students spend most of their time with German students in their regular class.
- Both teachers and classmates support them and help with integration especially during the first weeks when living in a foreign environment might seem overwhelming.
- During the first year, the focus of education will be on the core subjects including German, English, Mathematics.
- Progress in the minor subjects (e.g. Music, Biology, History, Geography etc.) will ensue with increasing command of the German language.
- At the end of both terms, international students receive a certificate similar to a regular report containing information on those subjects in which students can already be evaluated, especially Sports and Art where the language barrier is not as significant as in other subjects.

... means being part of the International Class

- This is where our qualified staff teaches international students in small groups.
- Up to ten German lessons take place parallel to the regular classes. We try to ensure that not too many lessons of the core subjects are affected.
- For two years, our schedule focuses on the acquisition of the German language since only the proficiency in this language enables students to gain access to all other subjects.
- Reports at the end of both terms include a detailed feedback on the student's progress in the German language according to the guidelines of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

How to get involved at our school:

Tutorium:

- From 1pm until 3pm, we offer a qualified support time for all class 5 to 7 students in which not only homework but also additional work can be done to help students especially in the core subjects.
- Senior students support the teaching staff.
- There is always time to play with peers or meet for a warm lunch in our cafeteria.

School clubs:

Especially the afternoon activities provided by our school present a chance to socially integrate and communicate with fellow students. St. Ursula's offers a wide range of activities already for classes 5 and 6. Apart from various sports clubs (football, swimming), there are musical groups (big band, choir and the orchestra) or science clubs.