Research in the United States

NEURUS – Network for European and U.S. Regional and Urban Studies

What is NEURUS?

NEURUS is a student exchange program allowing graduate and advanced undergraduate students to conduct research related to regional science abroad.

The program was designed in 1998 by regional science related departments of six universities from the United States and the European Union.

The program offers students the opportunity to actively research issues on urban and regional development by spending a semester in the US and work closely together with faculty members of host universities. The results of this research should be used to write a master’s or bachelor’s thesis.

How does the program work?

The program aims on sending students from the three EU partner universities for research purposes to one of the four US partner universities and vice versa.

Schedule of the program:

- Mid-March: Call for application
- End of May: Application deadline
- Mid-June: Selection of participants
- Early September: US students start at EU host universities
- End of September: One-week introductory seminar and workshop at one of the EU universities
- End of December: US students leave for their home universities
- Early January: EU students start at US host universities
- Mid-April: Concluding seminar at one of the US universities
- Mid-May: EU students leave for their home universities
- After return: Writing the bachelor’s/master’s thesis

Who can apply?

All students at the Department of Geography, who are in the final stage of their studies and interested in realizing their bachelor’s or master’s research in the US, are welcome to apply for the program. The program has no distinct thematic focus, and thus, open to various planning related topics.

Sample of HU student's research projects

- The Impact of the U.S. Housing Bubble and Crisis on the Process of Urban Sprawl in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area
- Spatial Concentration of Creative Industries in Los Angeles
- Business Improvement Districts - An Approach for Retail-Area Revitalization in American Downtowns

US universities

- Arizona State University
- University of Florida
- University of Illinois
- University of California - Irvine

EU universities

- Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
- Wirtschafts-Universität Vienna

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