



Wadden Sea World Heritage Summer School Outline

Content

The transdisciplinary Wadden Sea World Heritage Summer School taking place from 20 to 30 August offers participants insights into current and important topics and challenges in the field of ecology, nature conservation, tourism and management, and sustainable development in the context of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site from a local as well as transnational perspective. Main topics will be biodiversity (focus on seals), tourism, and climate change. Participants will have introductory lectures given by recognised experts from different faculties and practitioners in relation on different fields of interest (e.g., environmental sciences, social sciences, economics, law etc.). They will be introduced to current challenges with the aim of working together towards potential solutions by discussing and elaborating concepts in small groups. The necessary underlying information will be conveyed in the format of classic lectures but also by on-site and field visits, including exchanges with local stakeholders.

The Summer School is executed in partnership with various academic and practice-oriented organizations and strives to acquaint the participants with trilateral conservation, management and governance aspects of the unique Wadden Sea ecosystem.

The Wadden Sea World Heritage Summer School is a joint initiative of AWI, the FH Westküste, the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat, the National Park Authority “Niedersächsisches Wattenmeer”, the Vadehavet National Park and the Waddenacademie and is supported by the Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation.

Date, time, and place

20-30 August 2024. The Summer School will mainly take place on the Island of Borkum, the most western German Wadden Sea island. The group will meet in the harbour city of Emden on 20 August and jointly travel to Borkum the next day. Towards the end of the Summer School, the group will travel from Borkum to Wilhelmshaven to attend the Wadden Sea Day, the annual Wadden Sea symposium organised by the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat and the National Park Authority “Niedersächsisches Wattenmeer”.

Learning objectives

Participants will gain a deepened understanding of the challenges of conservation, management, sustainable development, and policy of the Wadden Sea World Heritage Site on a national and transnational level, both from a theoretical and practical perspective.



Participants

Master and (early) PhD students in the field of marine environmental studies, marine resource management, tourism management, social sciences, sustainable management, geography or similar fields of studies in particular from Danish, Dutch, and German universities. Up to two spots will be reserved to international participants from countries with which the Trilateral Cooperation has a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with. The summer school is limited to 20 students. Proficiency in English is required to actively participate in the discussions and to present their own work in English.





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Upon successful completion of the programme, the Summer School offers a Certificate of Attendance that mentions the workload of 60 hours. Students can apply for recognition of the credits at their home institutions and the final decision on awarding credits is at the discretion of their home institutions. To support the students in this process, the organisers will provide any necessary information that might be requested in addition to the certificate of attendance.

Registration

To apply for the Summer School please register [here](#) until 25.05.2024.

All applicants will be notified by end of May.

Please note that when applying you will be asked to provide the following:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of reference
- Short video explaining your motivation to participate in the Summer School as your connection to the Wadden Sea (max 2 min, max 300 MB, MP4).

Note that these will be shared with the organisers during the selection process

Accommodation and costs

A contribution of €150 is charged for accommodation, food, and travel among the three locations. Participants will be sharing rooms (3-bed, 4-bed or dormitory rooms).

Please note that participants need to take care of their individual travel to Emden and from Wilhelmshaven.

Please note that only after being selected you will be asked to pay the participation fee and send a confirmation of your payment. Details will be shared in due course.

Organisers

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