

## Our Campus at Sea – the Thor Heyerdahl

The traditional schooner, Thor Heyerdahl, has been sailing as a youth education centre since 1983. The ship was completely renovated between 2007 and 2009.

### Technical Data

Rig:	Three-masted topsail schooner
Home port:	Kiel
Length:	49,83 m
Height of masts:	29 m
Engine:	400 PS Deutz
Crew members:	50
Total sail area:	approx. 830 m <sup>2</sup>



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### Safety and Supervision

At **Classroom under Sail**, the safety and welfare of the pupils is our top priority. A qualified crew comprising experienced sailors and teaching staff will take great care of you as a new crew member.

### How to apply

Are you in the 9th or 10th grade and up for a real adventure? You can find more information here: [www.kus-projekt.de](http://www.kus-projekt.de)



### Information on Sponsorship

Information on financial sponsorship opportunities via the alumni and sponsorship association Alumni-KUS e.V. is available at [www.alumnikus.de](http://www.alumnikus.de).

### Information and Contact Details

**Classroom under Sail (KUS)** is a project run by the Institute for Educational Science at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in cooperation with the Innovation in Learning Institute. It is scientifically supported for the purposes of quality assurance and pedagogical-psychological research. The Bavarian State Ministry of Education and Culture has equated **Classroom under Sail** with attending a school abroad.

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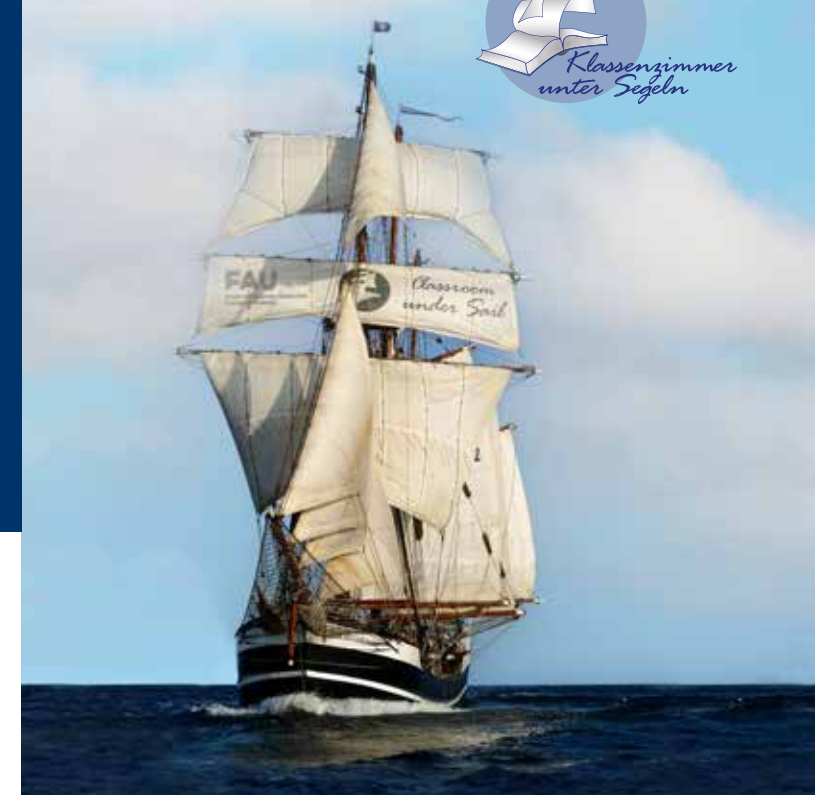
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### Classroom under Sail

## A different kind of school!

A traditional sailing ship and various foreign countries will be your classroom and home for 6 months



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## What is Classroom under Sail?

You will live on board a traditional sailing ship together with 33 other young people and get to know many foreign countries and cultures. At the same time, you will attend school lessons and be taught nautical and country-specific topics. You will learn to take on responsibility and grow with the challenges.

## Who is Classroom under Sail for?

The project is aimed at all 10th and 11th grade grammar school (Gymnasium) pupils who are looking for an adventure outside of school.

Spend six months of your school year on a traditional sailing ship and discover the world!

## Time at Sea and Sailing

You will be actively involved in day-to-day life on board a traditional sailing ship and learn to navigate with the sun and stars. You can also develop your technical and practical skills. Previous sailing experience is not required.



## Visiting foreign Countries

You will get to know different countries on our trip and learn about their nature, culture and political systems. Through direct contact with the local population you will gain a deep insight into their way of life. You can also enhance your language skills.

## The Route

Travel in the footsteps of famous explorers! Starting in Germany, the journey will take you to the Canary Islands and on to the Caribbean and Central America before returning to Germany via the Azores. Other possible ports of call are: the Canary Islands, Cape Verde, the Lesser Antilles, Panama and Cuba and the Azores.

## Teaching

Lessons both on board and on land are designed around the journey itself and based on the Bavarian grammar school curriculum. You will apply what you have learned directly in everyday life. In addition, you will learn methods of independent study - which will be useful when studying for your A-levels and at university.

