Preparation

It is highly recommended that students take TCCA 230 (Intercultural Communication: Global Perspectives) and GLGR 212 (Intro to German Civilization II) prior to participation. Courses in European history and politics (such as Western Culture, Europe Since 1500, 19th Century Europe, 20th Century Europe, and International Politics) also provide excellent preparation. Applicants are encouraged to participate in the weekly noon German tables in Dillin Hall, German Club events and programs sponsored by the International Programs Office.

German minor students must take the appropriate level of German in the semester directly preceding their study in Austria.

Location and Housing

The program is located at the Austro-American Institute of Education, run by the Weissgarber family for many years, in the heart of Vienna. During the August orientation session, students are introduced to Austrian culture — and study German language (an intensive language course for German language students, beginning level for non-language students) — in the beautiful mountain village of Dorfgastein. Upon the return to Vienna, students move in with their Austrian host families.

Students study German language at the University of Vienna, near the Institute, with the remaining courses taught by faculty at the Institute. Across the street is the State Opera House with museums, theatres and shopping areas all within walking distance.

European Studies/ German Major and Minor

Students interested in majoring or minoring in either German or German Studies should consult the German faculty.

For a minor in German, students may count up to 12 credits taken in Austria and must take a language course at the 300 level after returning to the home campus to complete the minor.

Applications are available only online:
http://www.linfield.edu/ipo/study-abroad-info.html

Cost Information:
http://www.linfield.edu/ipo/study-abroad-info/semester.html

Website for the Institut:
www.amerika-institut.at

Linfield College has a 20+ year partnership with the Austro-American Institute of Education, a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization begun in 1926 and dedicated to the cultural exchange between the United States and Austria. Bordering eight countries, Austria lies at the crossroads of Western and Eastern Europe, providing a perfect base for European study!
**Dates and Curriculum**

All students are encouraged to study in Vienna, regardless of their major, minor or language ability.

German language students take courses in German at the Institute and study intensive German at the University of Vienna.

Non-language students take courses in English, focusing on European culture, history and politics, along with beginning level German.

The Austria program runs from early August to mid-December. The August session with German language study precedes the regular academic program that begins in September. There is a one-week break in October. A study tour to Prague and Cracow are also usually included in the program.

When applying, students choose between:

**TRACK 1**

Students must complete the equivalent of one year of college-level German to be eligible to apply and must take or audit the appropriate level of German in the spring semester directly preceding the study in Vienna. Preference is given to students with a minimum 3.0 GPA average in German language.

**TRACK 2**

Students need no prior knowledge of the German language.

**CURRICULUM**

All students take:

- IDST 031 Intercultural Communications: Departure and Reentry (1 credit, S/U)

**TRACK 1**

German language students take:

- GLGR 220, 320 or 370 German Language Practice in August (3 credits)

Courses taught in German taken during the regular semester:

- GLGR 221, 321 or 371 German Language (5 credits)
- GLGR/HIST 206 Austrian Cultural History: Art, Literature, and Society (4 credits; VP or GP)
- GLCS/HIST 365 Ethnic Diversity in Eastern and Central Europe (4 credits, IS, VP or GP)

**TRACK 2**

All taught in English, except German language

Since Track 2 of the Vienna Program (content courses conducted in English) is a new addition to the curriculum, the college reserves the right to cancel this track if there is not adequate enrollment to sustain a full class.

- GLGR 120 Beginning German Language Practice I in August (3 credits)

During the regular semester:

- GLGR 121 Beginning German Language Practice II at the University of Vienna (5 credits)
- *GLGR/HIST 206 Austria Cultural History (4 credits; IS, VP or GP)
- *GLGR/POLS 373 Politics of European Integration (4 credits; GP)

*Contact the SOAN Department for possible Sociology credit.

Students on both tracks take together, taught in English, during the regular semester:

- GLGR 365 Austrian Politics & Society in a European Context (3 credits; VP or GP)
- IDST 040 Community Service (1 credits; S/U) The Institute helps coordinate a service learning project for each student, providing a link to the community.

**Selection Criteria**

The program is open to students in good academic and social standing who have completed at least one semester at Linfield with a 2.75 minimum cumulative GPA. Students cannot participate in both a semester abroad and January Term off-campus course in the same academic year without special permission from the International Programs Office. On the basis of an application, supporting documents and interview, a selection committee judges each application to determine motivation, readiness and academic preparation for this study abroad experience. A mandatory orientation meeting takes place in the spring semester prior to departure.

**Costs**

The cost of studying in Austria is similar to the cost of spending an equivalent period of time on the McMinnville campus. Students pay regular Linfield tuition, technology fee and a program fee. Additionally, Linfield College pays the cost of round-trip air transportation from the Portland International Airport to the program site for a qualified student's first study abroad experience. Out-of-pocket expenses, passport and visa fees, and local or regional travel are the responsibility of the student. Linfield students may use their financial aid while abroad.

Estimated budgets for personal expenses can be obtained in the International Programs Office.