Semester Abroad Program

Spend a semester or year in Germany, a landmark of economic, political, and social innovations. There are three potential locations for students. Nürtingen-Geislingen University (HFWU) has two campuses as the name suggests: one in Nürtingen and the other in Geislingen, about 40 minutes apart from each other. The campus will be chosen for the student depending on the area of study or major of the participant. Heidelberg University (HU) is located in Heidelberg, a world-famous city known for its castle and picturesque old town.

HU is only available for German majors.

Costs

The cost of studying in Germany 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. Housing is paid directly to the overseas institution. Linfield pays the round-trip airfare from PDX for qualified students’ 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.

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

Share students’ daily lives abroad through their journals by visiting:
http://www.linfield.edu/ipo/study-abroad-info/student-stories-and-photos/study-abroad-journals.html

For more information, please contact us directly.

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Selection Criteria
The program is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors in good academic and social standing. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 at the time of application is required to participate. 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. Students are required to be German majors for the Heidelberg program.

Housing
Students live in campus dorms during their study in Germany and do their own cooking. They will pay housing fees directly to the university.

Curriculum
Students are required to take 30 ECTS credits per semester. These credits do not correlate to hours spent in the classroom and thus vary by course.

The international course catalog lists the ECTS equivalents for each class and can be found on HFWU or HU’s website.

Transportation
In regards to transportation, a semester fee is applied to students’ HFWU accounts for a special public transport ticket which allows students to travel for free in the greater Stuttgart area. If you are studying at Heidelberg University, you can purchase a semester-long ticket at the info-center on Univeritatsplatz for around 150 euros per semester, or you can buy a second-hand bike since Heidelberg is flat and well-equipped with bike paths.

Nürtingen-Geislingen University
There are more than 50 courses at the Nürtingen campus taught in English, and most have a business focus: marketing, finance and accounting, international business and management, economics, international management and organizational behavior, and German language and culture. Furthermore, students benefit from activities such as organized excursions and a buddy system. The Geislingen campus offers a variety of courses, but all courses are taught in German, so the student must be proficient in the language. Fall semester runs from approximately Sept. - January; spring semester goes from early-March until the end of July.

Heidelberg University
As a major in German, students also have the option of studying at Heidelberg University. Located in Heidelberg and founded in 1386, HU is the oldest university in Germany, and there are approximately 31,500 enrolled students. As an exchange student, you will have the opportunity to take language instruction courses designed for all levels of ability, and HU has subject-related language courses such as Business German, German for Natural Science Majors, etc. Students also have the opportunity to take part in a 4-week intensive language course before the start of the semester, and can register in the International Relations Office for a German conversation partner. HU is spread out across the city center and the surrounding areas, with no centralized campus.