Program Fee: $3,570

Program Fee Includes: transportation from Berlin-Tegel airport, stay with a host family including breakfast and dinner, language courses and materials at the Institute for German Language and Culture of Halle-Wittenberg University, excursions including travel and entrance fees, Study Away student fee and medical insurance. Separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes: Airfare, MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit ($612); textbooks for MSU course; lunch, snacks, meals on excursions; personal travel; passport & visa fees; immunizations; misc. personal expenses.

Applications are due by January 17, 2014. A nonrefundable deposit of $535 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid
Students may apply for the College of Arts & Letters Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by Friday, April 11, 2014. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.
Course Overview
This immersion program involves hearing and speaking German daily, with the goal of developing speaking proficiency rapidly. Participants will stay with German host families while attending classes at the Institute for German Language and Culture of Halle-Wittenberg University. Students will have the opportunity to practice German conversation, order from menus, read road signs, etc., around Wittenberg and while on excursions to other German cities.

The course also will provide an overview of crucial epochs in German history, from the Reformation to the Fall of the Berlin Wall. Students will learn about German culture—including art, architecture, religion, politics, economics and daily life—through a combination of classroom and direct experiences.

Visits and guided tours of museums and cultural sites will include lecture tours of museums, cities, and cathedrals/synagogues, Martin Luther monuments, Berlin museums, Berlin history and architecture, Dresden museums, Dresden history and architecture, and history and architecture in Halle.

Students will live with German host families, except for during excursions when they will be living in youth hostels, booked by Halle-Wittenberg University staff.

Course Schedule & Itinerary
PRE-TRAVEL

Dates, times & locations TBA - GRM 325 German Culture Studies, LLT 225 Literature in Translation, and IDS 397 International Culture and Study Abroad courses will begin with approximately 12 hours of lecture/discussion taught by Program Director Kelly Schlinder during the second block of the Spring 2014 semester. Travel orientation and logistics also will be covered in the pre-travel class meetings.

Course Credit & Requirements
Students receive 9 hours of undergraduate credit for satisfactory completion of the program. German language and culture courses taught at the Institute for German Language and Culture in Wittenberg, Germany, affiliated with Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg. 90 classroom contact hours over 4 1/2 weeks.


Other Texts Used: Selected works by Martin Luther, Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Andreas Gryphius, Martin Opitz, Friedrich Schiller, Ludwig Tieck; Die Deutschen, Wulf Köpke. 5th edition; Culture and Customs of Germany, Eckhard Bernstein. The German Way, Hyde Flippo. Online: Tatsachen über Deutschland. http://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/de/

Assessment of learning
GRM 325: Progressive Quizzes (two before departure and two in Germany) and one oral interview in Germany; presentations (one due before departure, one in Germany); daily reflective cultural journal in German. Study Away Portfolio consisting of: daily cultural journal in German; weekly vocabulary lists in German; pictures, museum flyers, and other cultural realia, and course essays/interviews. Journal written work due weekly while in Germany; completed portfolio with pictures due after return. All readings and writing assignments will be in German.

IDS 397/LLT 225: Progressive Quizzes (two before departure and two in Germany) and one oral interview in Germany; presentations (one due before departure, one in Germany); portfolio consisting of: daily reflective cultural journal in English; weekly vocabulary lists in German; pictures, museum flyers, and other cultural realia, and course essays/interviews. Journal written work due weekly while in Germany; completed portfolio with pictures due after return. All readings and writing assignments will be in English.

Application & Payment Procedures
Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $535 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Jan. 17, 2014). You will receive a second billing on Feb. 21, 2014 and a final billing on March 21, 2014, for the balance of the program fee ($3,035). MSU course tuition ($612) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $535 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Jan. 17, 2014). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee ($3,035) and course tuition ($612) will be due by April 18, 2014.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR’S OFFICE. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to April 8, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $535 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 8, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $535 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 8, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.