



Germany

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer Session • May 29 - June 30, 2012

Program Name:

Intensive German Language & Culture in Wittenberg

Course Numbers & Names:

Students enroll in one of these two courses for 3 hours of credit from Missouri State University:

GRM 325

Culture Studies (reading materials & writing assignments in German)

IDS 397

International Culture & Study Abroad (reading materials & writing assignments in English)

PLUS, depending on language proficiency, students will be placed in one of these three course combinations for 6 hours of transfer credit from the Institute for German Language and Culture of Halle-Wittenberg University:

GRM 201 & 202

Intermediate German 1 & 2

GRM 311 & 312

Conversation & Composition

GRM 400 & 498

Special Topics

Total Credit Hours: **9**

Program Highlights

This comprehensive program offers intensive study and everyday use of the German language; study and direct experience of culture through coursework and field trips to cultural centers in Berlin, Dresden, Halle, Wittenberg and Dessau; and development of cultural and language competence through home stays with German families.

Estimated Cost: **\$3,505**

Includes: Transportation from Berlin-Tegel International Airport to Wittenberg; lodging with a host family, incl. breakfasts & dinners; language courses & materials at the Institute for German Language and Culture of Halle-Wittenberg University; transportation & admission fees for program excursions; Study Away student fee, including International Student Identity Card. Separated costs not available.

Excludes: MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit; textbooks; passport fees; round-trip airfare to Berlin; lunches; meals on excursions; misc. personal expenses.

Nonrefundable deposit due with Application by Fri., Jan. 27, 2012: \$526 (will be billed to your student account)

Balance billed April 30, 2012: \$2,979

Informational meeting: **TBA**

Pre-travel Class Meetings: **TBA**

Depart Springfield for Berlin: **Tues., May 29, 2012**

Depart Berlin for Springfield: **Sat., June 30, 2012**

Final Portfolios Due: **TBA**

Interested in going?

Contact either of the Program Directors, Dept. of Modern & Classical Languages:

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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 Martin Luther monuments, Berlin history and architecture, Berlin art museums, Berlin Jewish museum, the Bauhaus campus in Dessau, the art and architecture of Dresden, and more.

Course Schedule & Itinerary

Pre-travel

Dates, times & locations TBA - Both GRM 325 German Culture Studies and IDS 397 International Culture and Study Abroad courses will begin with approximately 16 hours of lecture/discussion taught by Program Director Kelly Schlinder during the second block of the Spring 2012 semester. Travel orientation and logistics also will be covered in the pre-travel class meetings.

Study Tour

Tues., May 29: Depart Springfield for Berlin; transfer to Wittenberg to meet local host families.

Wed., May 30 - Friday, June 29: Students will attend 90 hours of language and culture classes taught by Wittenberg Institute faculty and 21 hours of lecture/discussion led by Kelly Schlinder, as well as lecture tours of cities, museums, monuments, churches, synagogues, and other significant cultural and historical sites.

Sat., June 30: Depart Berlin for Springfield

Post-travel

Final Portfolios due (date TBA)

Course Credit, Requirements & Assessment of Learning

Pending satisfactory completion of required coursework, students will receive 3 hours of MSU credit for GRM 325 OR IDS 397, plus 6 hours of transfer credit from the Institute for German Language and Culture of Halle-Wittenberg University (affiliated with Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg).

Course requirements for evaluation and grading are as follows:

GRM 325

- Participation in discussions
- Tests (two pre-travel, one in Germany)
- Essays (one pre-travel, one in Germany)
- Daily reflective cultural journal in German
- Research project presentation in Germany
- Portfolio consisting of daily cultural journal in German; weekly vocabulary lists in German; pictures, museum flyers and other cultural realia; and course essays. Portfolio 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

- Participation in discussions
- Tests (two pre-travel, one in Germany)
- Essays (one pre-travel, one in Germany)
- Cultural presentation
- Portfolio consisting of daily reflective cultural journal in English; weekly vocabulary lists in German; pictures, museum flyers and other cultural realia; and course essays. Portfolio written work due weekly while in Germany; completed portfolio with pictures due after return.

All readings and writing assignments will be in English.

Wittenberg Institute Courses

(tailored to proficiency level of course)

- Class participation
- Oral and written exams
- Short writing assignments in German
- Group projects and presentations

Required Texts:

- Die Deutschen, Wulf Köpke. 5th edition; ISBN: 0030210399
- Culture and Customs of Germany, Eckhard Bernstein. ISBN: 0313322031
- The German Way. Hyde Flippo.

Application & Payment

Students of any academic major are welcome. **Prerequisite:** GRM 102 (Elementary German II) or equivalent, and approval of the Program Directors. Instructions are included on the program application.

A **non-refundable deposit of \$526** will be billed to your student account upon application (due by **Jan. 27, 2012**). The balance of program costs (**\$2,979**) will be due on **April 30, 2012**.

The published program cost is 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% in the program fee if costs increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- If a student withdraws prior to **March 16, 2012**, a full refund will be made, less the \$526 deposit and non-refundable purchases made on behalf of the student.
- If a student is forced to withdraw from the program after **March 16, 2012**, for a bona fide medical reason, a full refund of all payments will be made, less the \$526 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is necessary in making claims for refund.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after **March 16, 2012**, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Directors and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. **Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.**
- Any plans by a participant not to travel with the group must also be submitted in writing to the Program Directors and the Study Away Office.
- The tour may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 5 participants. In this event, students will receive a refund of all fees.

Voucher Eligibility & Financial Aid

If you entered MSU as a freshman in 2009 or 2010, you may use the **Study Away \$500 voucher**. Students who receive financial aid through MSU may apply that aid to the program, if eligible. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at **836-5262** for more information.