Study Abroad Quick Fact Sheet for Germany

What should I be doing now?
- If you are planning to study abroad, you should first get a passport. It will be valid for 10 years!
  - To apply for a passport, go to this link: [http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html).
  - The process of applying for a passport can take up to 10 weeks, so go ahead and start now!
  - The Post Office on 2nd Street in Greenville is a location where you can get your forms approved. You’ll have to make an appointment and bring with you all paperwork and photos required for the passport.
  - Start exploring your many options by asking yourself these questions:
    - How long do I want to spend abroad?
    - What area(s) of study do I want to focus on?
    - Where do I want to study in Germany (a big city, small town, near family/friends)?
    - How will studying abroad help me with my future career?

Whom should I contact?
- For study abroad in German-speaking countries, email Dr. David Smith ([smithday@ecu.edu](mailto:smithday@ecu.edu)) or 252-328-5524 for an appointment or come to his office hours (Austin 329).

How will I afford it?
- Studying abroad in Germany costs about the same amount as studying at ECU (tuition plus living expenses).
  - On all bilateral programs, such as the Baden-Württemberg program through UNCEP, you pay the same tuition as here, and then you take care of housing and dining while you’re there!
  - Your ECU financial aid and/or scholarships will apply to your study abroad if you are taking approved credits.
  - Additional scholarships are available, such as the Rivers Scholarship, DAAD, Boren, and Gilman (if you have a Pell Grant). For a full list, follow this link: [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/intlaffairs/studyabroadscholarships.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/intlaffairs/studyabroadscholarships.cfm).
  - Other expenses you will incur include a minimal program application fee, your passport, visa, plane ticket, and health insurance. Your financial aid package can be adjusted to include these additional costs, however.

What are my options for Semester/Academic Year Programs in Germany?
- UNCEP (University of North Carolina Exchange Programs) and ISEP (International Student Exchange Programs)
  - Heidelberg and Stuttgart, and you can earn up to 18 credits of German plus other subjects while abroad.
  - Business, engineering and hospitality majors will benefit particularly from the paid internship at a German company offered in spring by the Duale Hochschule in Mannheim, if they spend fall semester studying there.
  - You need four semesters of German (GERM 1001-1004) or equivalent language proficiency before you go.
  - Apply by January 30 if you want to study abroad the following fall semester or academic year.
    - If going in the spring semester, forms should be submitted by early September.
    - Turn in your completed application at the International Affairs Office, 306 E. Ninth St. (behind the Rec Center)

What are my options for summer programs in Germany?
- Summer Study Abroad in Berlin, an ECU faculty-led program, which allows you to complete up to 9 credits (6 in German at any level and 3 Humanities), studying German and the Holocaust. Please contact Dr. Susanne Lenné Jones at [jonesu@ecu.edu](mailto:jonesu@ecu.edu) or (252)737-2390.
- Other German cities also have affordable language schools like the Goethe Institut, which offer language courses at any length (3 intensive summer weeks usually transfer into ECU as 3 credits).

What should I do when I return?
- Speak with Dr. Smith about finding equivalents for the courses you actually take in Germany, which frequently differ from those we selected before you leave, depending on course availability at each German university.
- Submit your original transcript and course transfer form with required signatures to the Office of International Affairs to get your credits approved.
- You must receive a “C” or higher to transfer the credits into ECU. Keep copies of your transcript for your records.
- For Honors students, all credits earned abroad count as honors credits.

STUDY ABROAD!! IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE!!

Did you know that only 3% of all U.S. students study abroad? Yet many employers today are seeking the intercultural competency, foreign language proficiency, self-confidence and maturity that only study abroad can impart!

Visit ECU’s International Affairs website for more information. Click on EDUCATION ABROAD and choose the length of study to see options and application forms: [http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/intlaffairs/iaabroadwelcome.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/intlaffairs/iaabroadwelcome.cfm).