Trier, Germany

Intensive Program in German Language and Culture

Program Dates
May 28 - July 2, 2016

Language
German

Requirements
Georgetown and non-Georgetown students with a minimum 2.7 GPA are welcome to apply. The program is open to students who are seriously interested in expanding their abilities as culturally literate users of German in an academic environment and are ready to be fully immersed in the language and daily life of the historic city of Trier for a period of five weeks.

Tuition and Fees
The program cost for summer 2016 is $7,000. Program fees include tuition, room and board (homestay with one meal daily), academic fees, and supplemental insurance. Excursion costs are also included in the program fee.

Participants are responsible for their own roundtrip transportation from the U.S. to Trier. Trier is easily accessible from Frankfurt and Luxembourg. Various airlines offer economy fares to these destinations.

Application Deadlines
December 3, 2015 and February 4, 2016

Apply Online at:
studyabroad.georgetown.edu

Program Description
For the 45th consecutive year, Georgetown University will conduct a five-week academic program in cooperation with the Universität Trier, Germany. The program, directed by Professor Mary Helen Dupree from the Georgetown University German Department, offers six-credit intensive courses at the intermediate and advanced levels, as well as three-credit courses and seminars for more advanced students. For students taking three-credit courses, internships with local business establishments can be arranged (limited availability). As a special feature, the program offers a service-based learning colloquium that combines working with the Catholic Diocese of Trier Social Services with rigorous academic study (limited to two students) and a research colloquium. Both require some pre-departure work.

All courses are taught in German by instructors from Georgetown University and the University of Trier. Intensive Intermediate and Intensive Advanced German meet every weekday for three hours; three-credit courses meet four times a week for one-and-a-half hours. Internships last 1-2 weeks and take place every afternoon after class. All students must sign a language pledge to speak only German for the duration of the program.

The University and Town
Trier, Germany’s oldest city and one of the former capitals of the Western Roman Empire, is located 120 miles west of Frankfurt, close to the Luxembourg border. This safe and picturesque town on the Mosel River offers the visitor of today a fascinating combination of ancient history and the conveniences of a modern city with extraordinarily diverse cultural activities. Designated a "World Cultural Heritage Site" by the United Nations, Trier has a stunning collection of archeological sites and monuments dating back over 2000 years. Students can climb a beautifully preserved Roman city gate (the Porta Nigra), explore the former Roman Imperial Baths, hear a concert in the largest surviving single-room structure from Roman times (Constantine’s throne room, the Basilika), and see a theatrical performance in a Roman Amphitheater as part of the Antiikenfestspiele. Other popular attractions include the 1700-year-old cathedral, the oldest Gothic church in Germany (Liebfrauenkirche), Karl Marx’s birthplace, and the Roman Archeological Museum (Landesmuseum). For entertainment there are many events throughout the summer, including the multi-day “Altstadtfest” with live music and performances, the International Organ Music Festival, and live theater and music in the Tuchfabrik, a renovated factory with performance spaces and a restaurant/cafe. Because of its location in the Mosel river valley, Trier also offers excellent opportunities for outdoor activities, such as a hike up to the “Mariensäule” for a view from above the city or a bike ride along the river to quaint towns and vineyards. Trier is also a regional administrative center, a major destination for shopping in the area, and the center for the famed Mosel river wine industry. The city has an excellent metropolitan bus system for which students receive a monthly pass.

The medium-sized university with its approximately 15,000 students occupies a modern campus in the hills above the city. Participants of the program will receive temporary student IDs from the university, which will give them full access to the university’s computer labs, libraries, and sports facilities and also make them eligible for special student rates at cultural events, concerts, movie theaters, regular theaters, and other venues in town. It also allows students to use the university’s Mensa or dining hall that offers a variety of dishes (including a good selection of vegetarian food) at the student rate (approximately 3-4 euros for a full meal). Students are also welcome to take advantage of the many university-
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related extra-curricular offerings. In past summers, program participants became involved in activities as varied as joining the university club rugby team, riding horses at the university stables, playing ultimate Frisbee, or taking belly dancing lessons.

Accommodation and Excursions
Students will be housed privately with carefully selected German families or individuals. Field trips include visits to sites of artistic and historical interest in the Trier area as well as a longer excursion to such destinations as Heidelberg, the romantic Burg Eltz, the European Court in Luxembourg, and the Rhine River valley. On weekends, faculty may offer smaller outings or students may travel independently.

Academics
All courses offered in Trier aim to maximize students' study abroad experience by continually relating course material to life in Trier and Germany and by involving them in course-based, ethnographically-oriented research projects.

All participants must register for six credits. Students in courses numbered 153 and above may also register for the non-credit internship.

For graduate credit, students must sign up for courses above the 350 level. Graduate students will take part in the same class sessions, but course requirements will differ significantly.

Applicants from other universities as well as all Georgetown students who have not taken German at Georgetown University are required to take the C-Test part of the German Department's placement test. Contact the Program Director to make arrangements.

**GERM-032-62: Intensive Intermediate German: Contemporary Germany (6 credits).**

**Prerequisite:** At least two semesters of college-level German (e.g., German 002 or 011). Theme-based exploration of the contemporary German-speaking world. Development of grammatical knowledge, vocabulary, complex sentence structures, and cultural understanding through topic-related reading, writing, and speaking.

**GERM-111-62: Intensive Advanced German: Stories & Histories (6 credits).**

**Prerequisite:** At least four semesters of college-level German (e.g., German 022 or 032). In-depth treatment of German society, 1945 to present. Selected readings of authentic literary and non-literary texts for expanding vocabulary, for complex sentence and paragraph structures in writing and speaking, and for sophisticated reading behaviors.

**Prerequisites for the following courses:** Completion of GERM-111 or equivalent.

**GERM-153-62: Mitten in Europa: Reading and Writing about Germany in Europe (3 credits).**

**Prerequisite:** At least six semesters of college-level German (e.g., German 102 or 111). Topically organized course that emphasizes intensive writing of different text types and a more discriminating use of all aspects of language, especially public discourses.
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**GERM-175-62: Business German** (3 credits).

**Prerequisite:** At least six semesters of college-level German (e.g., German 102 or 111). Focus on business and entrepreneurial discourses in writing and speaking integrated in business-related themes; development of an understanding of German business practices.

**GERM-176-62: Internships** (limited availability) (1 credit).

Three types of internships are available:

- a. Internship with a local private business;
- b. Internship with local government agency;
- c. Internship with documentation and research center of a former concentration camp.

All include small final projects connected with the specific character of the internship.

Additional application materials required after initial acceptance into the program: CV and cover letter in German (for guidance in writing these documents, contact the Trier Program Director).


**Prerequisite:** At least six semesters of college-level German (e.g., German 102 or 111). Seminar on major literary works by 20th century authors, including Kafka, Rilke, Bachman, Peter Schneider, and others. Special emphasis will be placed on developing techniques of literary analysis (e.g. close reading). Requires intensive reading and writing of interpretive essays. Graduate-level credit (GERM-364-62) possible for expanded requirements and additional readings.


**Prerequisite:** One Level IV course (German 150-199) or equivalent. Seminar on major developments from 1870/71 to 1945. Special emphasis is placed on World War I and its aftermath as reflected in various media, especially film and autobiographical writings. Requires extensive reading, viewing of films, and essay writing. Graduate-level credit (GERM-382-62) possible for expanded requirements and additional readings.

**GERM-335-62: Social Services in Germany: A Service Learning Colloquium** (3 credits).

**Prerequisite:** Completion of GERM-152 or equivalent or score of 85 or higher on C-test section of the German Department’s placement exam. The colloquium combines pre-departure academic study with 15-20 hours/week on-site service under the auspices of the Caritas Verband Trier and an academic tutorial on the structure and history of social services in Germany. Students work with other caregivers in order to receive appropriate guidance and support. (Limited to two students.)

**GERM-365-62: Research Colloquium: Comparing Local Cultures** (3 credits).

**Prerequisite:** Completion of GERM-152 or equivalent or score of 85 or higher on C-test section of the German Department’s placement exam. The colloquium provides theoretical and practical insights into comparative research in local cultures. Topics are determined by students’ interests. The research is done largely through interviews and reading. Significant writing assignments of various forms, including a pre-departure essay (in English) on the topic situated in the US context, and development of interviewing protocols, note taking, documentation, analytical/comparative essays (in German), and a public speaking event to present the results of the research.

These signature colloquia offer an extraordinary and unique opportunity for hands-on social engagement, personal growth, and academic learning.


Financial Aid

Through the generosity of the Heinz C. Prechter Scholarship Fund and Friends-of-the-Trier-Program, the German Department has an opportunity to offer a limited number of enabling scholarships to qualified Georgetown students on the basis of need and merit. Additionally, the German Department offers a Jankowsky Fellowship for qualifying German majors. The application can be downloaded from the Trier webpage.

Non-Georgetown students are encouraged to pursue financial aid requests at their home institutions and through community organizations such as the Rotary or Lion's Clubs, etc.


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Georgetown University reserves the right to adjust program fees or cancel any program without prior notification; however, every effort will be made to provide information on cancellations in a timely manner. In the event of cancellation, Georgetown University will refund program deposits and 100% of recoverable program fees.