



# Trier, Germany

Intensive Program in German Language and Culture

## Program Dates

June 1 - July 6, 2013

## 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 a culturally literate user 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 2013 is \$6,400. 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

November 27, 2012 and

February 4, 2013

## Apply Online at:

[studyabroad.georgetown.edu](http://studyabroad.georgetown.edu)

## Program Description

For the 42nd consecutive year, Georgetown University will conduct a five-week academic program in cooperation with the Universität Trier, Germany. The program, directed by Professor Peter Pfeiffer 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 *Antikenfestspiele*. 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.

**Academics (continued)**

*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. (Students will also enroll in GERM-176-62.)

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

Introduction into everyday business environment by working in business or administrative positions in Trier. 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).

*GERM-264-62: / 364-62: Portraits of the Artist: German Literature of the 20th Century* (3 credits).

**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 Th. Mann, Brecht, Bachmann, Seghers, and others. Writing of interpretive essays. Graduate-level credit (GERM-364-62) possible for expanded requirements and additional readings.

*GERM-332-62: / 382-62: Germany 1870-1990: Modernity and Image* (3 credits).

**Prerequisite:** At least six semesters of college-level German (e.g., German 102 or 111). Seminar on major developments from 1870/71 to the present as reflected in various media, especially film and autobiographical writings. Requires extensive viewing of films, reading, 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: Comparing Local Cultures: Research 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 research colloquium is an individualized program. Using an anthropological field-method approach under the guidance of the program director, students work intensively to research commonalities and differences among significant public institutions in the Trier area. The colloquium requires substantial pre-departure work. Themes include the role of the church, mass media, and sports. (Limited to two students.)

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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Your acceptance form and program deposit are considered a good-faith commitment to participate on your Georgetown University summer program. Withdrawal from a summer program must be made in writing to the summer program coordinator. Please note that application fees and program deposits are non-refundable. Georgetown University will refund recoverable tuition and costs as determined by our partner institutions. Refunds will be calculated from the date the Office of International Programs is notified in writing of your intent to withdraw. Georgetown University is not responsible for indirect costs paid directly by the student, including but not limited to passport fees, vaccinations, and transportation costs.

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.