



Study Away in German

All foreign language majors are highly encouraged to study abroad to gain the experience of linguistic and cultural immersion.

Study abroad can help you

Whether you seek to discover Berlin or Vienna over the summer, or to study for a semester or a year in another destination in the German-speaking world, you will have the opportunity to...

- Work toward fluency in German
- Gain in-depth knowledge and first-hand experience of a German-speaking culture
- Identify ways your knowledge of German can enhance your career plans
- Diversify your world view
- Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
- Gain confidence in yourself and enhance your interpersonal and communication skills
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Understand how German is studied in an international context

Studying abroad will allow you to take courses alongside native speaking students or with other foreign students. You can even take courses taught in German in another field of study that interests you.

An experience like this will change your life and career options in many ways. In today's increasingly interdependent world, graduate

programs and employers alike seek people with significant cross-cultural experience *and* knowledge of a foreign language.

Can I afford to study abroad?

YES! A semester abroad is generally not more expensive than a semester of tuition, room, and board on campus; in fact, it often costs less. With multiple sources of funding and programs of varying length, study abroad is financially possible for nearly all students.

Students may generally apply their college scholarships to affiliated programs. Many Elmhurst-affiliated programs offer their own scholarships for study abroad. Through the CPE, Elmhurst also offers endowed scholarships for students with financial need.

Outside scholarships providers that students may apply for include:

- Phi Kappa Phi
- Boren/National Security Education Program
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Gilman
- Midwest Regional Center IIE
- EC Affiliated Programs

Also be sure to contact the Elmhurst College Office of Financial Aid.

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academics/study](http://public.elmhurst.edu/academics/study)

Academic Considerations for German Students

What are my next steps?

Get Started!

Attend one of the monthly study abroad information sessions during the academic year and go to the Study Away Fair. Then, call or stop by the Center for Professional Excellence, located in Circle Hall, to make an appointment with Dr. Lagerwey.
(630) 617-3604 or wallyl@elmhurst.edu

Investigate programs

Use catalogues found in the Center for Professional Excellence and look at the program sponsors' websites to find the program that's right for you or visit the study abroad area of the Elmhurst College webpage (see back page of brochure).

Talk to your adviser

Your adviser can help you figure out the best way to fit study abroad into your college career.

Set goals and plan for results

- Begin planning as soon as possible. Set some goals. The best study abroad option for you depends on what you want. Consider: Country/region/location, setting and environment (studying with local or international students, living with a host family), personal and professional goals, and importance of internships or service learning.
- Prepare academically. You may need to take language or other prerequisite courses for your chosen program.
- Research and talk to students who have studied abroad previously.

Sample Questions to Ask the Director of International Education

- I would like to fulfill General Education requirements while abroad. How do I know if my courses meet these requirements?
- Several programs offer courses in the country to which I would like to travel. Which program would you recommend for me based

on my language skills and academic and personal interests?

What to Bring to Your Academic Advising Meeting

- Copies of course descriptions or related information on the courses you are interested in taking while abroad
- Your advising handbook
- A tentative four-year plan (if applicable)

Sample Questions to Ask Your Adviser

- What major/minor requirements do I have left to complete?
- Do I meet the minimum 3.0 GPA required for Study Abroad?
- What general education requirements do I have left to complete?
- I have copies of course descriptions for courses I am considering taking while abroad. Do these courses meet any of my major or minor requirements or any requirements outside my major or minor?
- What do I need to do to follow up with you when I return from study abroad? What should I bring back with me (e.g., course syllabi)?
- Are there particular requirements you recommend I should/should not try to complete abroad?
- What should I do if I get abroad and can't take these classes? May I e-mail you for guidance in making alternative choices?

General Education Requirements

General Education requirements are great to take while abroad. UMAIE courses offer a wide variety of options for January Term. The Director of International Education can tell you what Gen Ed's, if any, courses fulfill. A few of the more common ones that study abroad students have taken abroad include: People Power and Politics, Global Society, Literature, Western Culture and Fine Arts.

Study Abroad Options for German Students

Short-Term Options

January Term

Students who wish to study abroad during January Term may choose between courses offered through the college and courses offered through the UMAIE consortium.

Elmhurst

Every year, several Elmhurst faculty members lead groups of students to a select number of locations for foreign language study, other academic electives, or service learning projects. Check with the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to find out more information.

UMAIE

UMAIE is a consortium of schools in the Midwest offering joint January Term abroad options. The list of courses changes, so check the courses every year online at the UMAIE website, or ask at the front desk of the Center for Professional Excellence.

Summer

Elmhurst College and most of the Elmhurst-affiliated programs offer summer options, so you can get away without missing a beat in your regular school-year studies and activities.

With BGSU's summer program, students choose to stay for either 3 weeks or 6 weeks, receiving 4 or 8 credits, respectively. Participants take German language, offered at 5 levels from beginning to advanced. Excursions are held 3 times a week.

IES has a summer program in Berlin in addition to the Vienna summer music program. The Berlin summer program is designed more towards beginning and intermediate German language learners, although students with at least the equivalent of 2 years college German may take a course on German literature and will have access to conversation partners.

Semester- or Year-long Options

Note: In addition to program costs, all students on long-term programs will be billed the \$600 international fee during the term they are abroad. See website for more details.

BGSU

Bowling Green State University offers semester- and year-long options in Austria. *All German majors are required to spend at least one semester abroad through BGSU.*

ISEP

ISEP provides the opportunity to be fully immersed in the culture by taking regular university classes alongside native students. German-speaking locations offered include: Germany, Austria and Switzerland. It is an exchange program so regular tuition is paid directly to Elmhurst.

IES

For German students, IES offers programs in the cities of Vienna, Berlin, and Freiburg. With IES, students benefit from orientation, cultural excursions and field trips.

Options for Music Students

BGSU

Any participant in the Salzburg program can usually arrange to take lessons and will also find ample opportunity to participate in singing groups or ensembles. Limited study is available at the Mozarteum University of Music for qualified music students. Mozarteum courses—usually one or two per semester—are taken in addition to the regular undergraduate program of courses at an additional fee. The Mozarteum offers classes in composition, music theory, conducting, keyboard instruments, string instruments, wind and percussion instruments, church music, voice, and opera.

IES

The Vienna Music program is specially designed for Music majors, but is also well-suited for minors and other talented instrumentalists and vocalists. Aside from German, other courses students in this program will choose from include music history, music theory, and performance studies. This is offered as both summer and semester programs.

Options for Education Majors

Some short-term options led by Elmhurst faculty may be of interest to education majors.

Comparative Studies: Education and Culture in Great Britain: Students will observe in London schools with diverse populations.

Educational Experiences in Jamaica: This course provides a multi-cultural approach to teaching and service-learning utilizing hands-on activities.

Sample Options for German Majors

Salzburg, Austria

Semester Abroad

Here students are immersed in the language as well as the cultural and historical aspects of Austria. Take all of your regular courses in German with BGSU faculty or at the University of Salzburg. Students must have completed at least two years or four semesters of college level German before leaving for their trip.

(Sponsor: BGSU)

Berlin, Germany

Summer Abroad

For beginning and intermediate students, there is a German language course, and for advanced students, there is a course in German Literature. English-taught electives may include: *Economics of Reprivatization of the New Europe*, *Modern German Jewish History*, and *Germany and European Unification*.

(Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

Germany

Understanding, Remembering and Memorializing the Holocaust

This English-taught course, offered in January term, explores the places which played an important role during the planning and perpetration of the Holocaust. Students will learn about

the event in the actual setting in which it occurred. They will also focus on memoirs and diaries of the survivors to get a better understanding of what the event was really like.

(Sponsor: UMAIE)

Chicago

Chicago Semester Internship

Chicago Semester will help students find an **internship** in the social services field, including: counseling, child welfare, art therapy, and other social service settings. They will assist each student in arranging interviews and deciding which place or places best seem to fit their goals. Throughout the semester, students will work 32 hours per week and take seminar courses to enrich and reflect on their experiences. Sample placement sites include: Cornerstone Counseling Center of Chicago, Heartland Human Care Services, and Cook County Juvenile Court, to name a few.

(Sponsor: Chicago Semester)

This is just a sampling and some programs may be subject to change. For more options, visit the Elmhurst College Study Abroad website or talk to the Director of International Education.

Sample Four-Year Plan for German Majors

Freshman (1st year)

- 2 German courses
- Gen Ed requirements
- Electives: explore options for a second major or minor
- Start looking at study abroad programs
- Apply for January Term or summer

Sophomore (2nd year)

January Term or Summer Abroad

- 2-3 German courses
- **FL 221**
- Gen Ed requirements
- Other major/minor requirements
- Begin researching and applying for semester- or year-long programs

Junior (3rd year)

Semester or Year Abroad

- 3-4 German courses
- 2-4 Gen Ed requirements
- Other major/minor requirements

Senior (4th year)

Internship

- Remaining 300/400 level German courses
- Any remaining Gen Ed requirements
- Any remaining requirements towards minor or double major

*German Education majors should refer to the guide: "Study Abroad in Education" for more information on fitting study abroad into your four year plan.

*Plan to take **CPP 250**, a quarter credit course that prepares you for study abroad, the semester before your summer, semester or year abroad.

Program Sponsor Websites

BGSU: German Studies in Austria
www.bgsu.edu/departments/greal/GermanAYA/Welcome.htm

Arcadia University
<http://www.arcadia.edu/abroad/>

AustraLearn
<http://www.australlearn.org>

IES
www.IESabroad.org

IFSA-Butler
www.IFSA-Butler.org

IPSL
www.ipsl.org

UMAIE
<http://www.semint.com/umaie/index.html>

SIT Study Abroad
<http://worldlearning.org/323.htm>

ISEP
www.isep.org

Kansai Gaidai
<http://www.kansai.gaidai.ac.jp/asp/>

Universidad San Francisco de Quito
<http://www.usfq.edu.ec/home.html>

Comillas Pontificia in Madrid
www.upcomillas.es

Chicago Semester
<http://chicagosemester.org>

<http://public.elmhurst.edu/academics/study>