

# Why Study German Abroad?

"Studying abroad is an experience that I will always treasure. I not only grew as a student but also as a whole. The adventure of living and studying in a different country is unbelievably rewarding and challenging at the same time. Learning the German culture and being immersed in the language gave me a better understanding of what opportunities my degree in German could possibly provide. My advice to students considering studying abroad is that this is the chance in your life when you have the time and support to experience and do something that many regret they never did. Go for it, and you will enjoy every moment!"

-Sarah Wendland Studied German at Heidelberg University, Germany



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# **German Major Specifics**:

## When is the best time to study abroad?

Most students aim to study abroad their junior year, fall semester. However not everyone has to do so. Any time after the first semester at UNCG students are eligible to apply. It is best to talk to an academic advisor as well as advisors at the IPC office. Given the differences in academic calendars, it is best to study in Germany or Austria either for the whole year or in the spring semester!

#### What courses can I take abroad?

The exchange program with the many German universities located in the state of Baden-Württemberg allows students to take courses in all departments. Students can take GEC courses in German as well as in English. There are also language-intensive courses available which are designed to improve students German skills within a six week course period. Students have the opportunity to also take courses in English for majors other than German. Depending on their major, they should select a university in Germany that offers courses in their other major as well.

### Why should German majors study abroad?

Even though study abroad is not a major requirement it is a great opportunity to take courses for the German major in a German-speaking environment. Furthermore, you will experience German or Austrian culture and society first hand. Your stay in Austria or Germany will give insight into academic and professional opportunities offered after graduation. Please speak with your German professor or with the German program director in order to learn more about scholarship opportunities to support study abroad and about other opportunities during your studies at UNCG and after graduation!

#### Other benefits...

Simply studying abroad in any country waives a Global marker, and depending on the program, a Global Non-Western marker. Speak to an IPC adviser for more information.

## Will I Graduate on Time?

YES! Students receive UNCG credit for classes taken abroad, so there is no need to prolong graduation.

# Can I Afford It?

YES! On semester or year-long exchange programs, students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees. Housing and meal costs are typically equivalent to a semester in residence at UNCG. Any financial aid received at UNCG can be applied to the program costs. In addition, students are eligible to receive travel grants to help offset the costs of airfare. Set up a meeting with an IPC adviser to review options and learn more.



## **Getting Started**!

IPC is dedicated to finding the right program for each student, and our huge array of partner universities allows us to do just that. **Call** (336) 334-5404 or stop by 207 Foust to schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor. This meeting will provide you with more information on appropriate programs, finances, application procedures, and more.

Call or stop by our office! Voice: 336.334.5404 Fax: 336.256.8509 http://studyabroad.uncg.edu International Programs Center The University of North Carolina at Greensboro 207 Foust Building Greensboro, NC 27402-6170

# German <u>Featured Exchange Programs</u>\*

## AUSTRIA

#### **University of Klagenfurt**

At UK, students can take a variety of German language courses. http://www.uni-klu.ac.at/bib/eng/inhalt/350.htm

#### GERMANY

#### University of Freiburg\*\*

UF offers a course in German as a Second Language. It provides international students with basic knowledge of the structure of the German language, theoretical aspects of learning and teaching German as a foreign language, and the necessary language skills for teaching German as a Foreign Language in their native country. For students with more advanced language skills, UF also offers a native program in German Studies, focusing on research, instruction, and studies in German language and literature from beginnings to the present in a historical and sociocultural context. A minimum of 4 semesters of German language studies is required for both programs.

www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/studium-en/studienfaecher-en

#### Heidelberg University\*\*

HU offers a wide range of coursework in various fields of study. For specific language studies, HU offers a course in German Studies. A minimum of 4 semesters of German language studies is required.

www.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/interesse/faecher/ deutsche\_phil\_ba.html

#### Karlsruhe Institute of Technology\*\*

KIT offers several extensive German language studies courses for students who wish to improve their language proficiency. Preparatory German language courses are offered for students who have some German language proficiency but wish to improve. More advanced courses are offered for students with higher-level proficiency.

www.stk.kit.edu/deutsch\_kurse.php

## **University of Mannheim**\*\*

UM offers courses for exchange students throughout the semester, which include language and cultural studies courses. The cultural studies courses are also available in English. Language classes are offered at different language proficiency levels.

www.uni-mannheim.de/1/english/startpage/index.html

#### Konstanz University\*\*

For students with at least 4 semesters of German language studies, KU offers a program in German literature including courses in: cultural studies perspectives, linguistics, modern German literature, older German literature, and cultural studies perspectives. Courses are also available in a variety of other subjects. www.international.uni-konstanz.de/en

#### University of Stuttgart\*\*

US offers a wide range of German language and literature courses ranging from short-term to semester-long programs. Courses are offered on beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels and cater to students of all proficiency levels. Courses are also available in a variety of other subjects.

www.ia.uni-stuttgart.de/iu/index.en.html

#### University of Tubingen\*\*

UB offers an impressive semester-long program in German language and cultural studies for exchange students. The program includes coursework in areas of literature, phonetics, grammar, writing, reading, translation, conversation, cross-cultural studies, intercultural communication, German film and media, and more.

www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/sprachen-lernen.html

#### University of Ulm\*\*

UU offers short-term intensive as well as semester-long German language studies courses for exchange students. Coursework includes introductory German studies, grammar, conversation, learning German with music, reading and speaking, academic/professional German, current events in Germany, writing, and more.

www.uni-ulm.de/en/international/exchange/lang.html

#### Heilbronn University

At HU, students with a minimum of 4 semesters of German language studies can take a wide range of business and engineering courses. Students with minimal proficiency can take courses in the following programs in English: business management, international business and intercultural management, international marketing and communication, international tourism management, and software engineering and management.

www.hs-heilbronn.de/45417/01\_prospective\_students

#### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

Additional options for German language studies can be found through ISEP (International Student Exchange Programs: www.isep.org, select "Directory of Universities," and then "International Exchange Members").

\*While these are featured programs for the Department of German Studies, students are by no means limited to these opportunities. For all available programs, please visit http://studyabroad.uncg.edu.