Classes, Study Sites, & Excursions: Instruction will generally be from Monday through Thursday in the morning. Excursions will vary depending on the course the course taken. Destinations may include, but are not limited to Salzburg, the Neuschwanstein castle, Berchtesgaden, Nuremberg, and Dachau. Afternoons are for study and free time as are weekends beginning Thursday afternoon for those wanting to explore this corner of Europe in small groups. Organized excursions may be planned for the weekends if demand requires. Excursions will be limited to the budget available.

Accommodations: Students will spend the first eight nights in Munich and reside in the Hotel Montana (three stars) in Telfes, Austria, an alpine village 20 minutes south of Innsbruck for the remainder of the program.

Insurance: All students must have medical insurance with international coverage. You should check to see if your current medical insurance covers you overseas. Kutztown University, the Dept. of Modern Language Studies and individuals associated with the KU Summer Program in Austria/Southern Germany are not responsible for the personal wellbeing of students who choose to participate in the Program.

Code of Conduct: Students who participate in the Program are governed by the Kutztown University rules and regulations as stipulated by the Kutztown University of Pennsylvania Undergraduate Catalog and The Key: Student Handbook. In addition, all US, German and Austrian codes of conduct must be respected. Kutztown University, the KU Departments of Modern Languages, History, and Psychology, the KU Office of International Studies, the Program Coordinator and Program Instructors are neither responsible, nor liable for the conduct of students. Students participating in the Program will sign a code of conduct specific to the KU Summer Program in Austria/Southern Germany before departure.

* Dates to be announced after selection:
Mandatory Participant Orientation Session in April ** Payment Schedule as notified.

* A non-refundable deposit of $200.00 is due to the Bursar's Office on March 15. This deposit is applied to the cost of the Program and will be refunded in full if you are not accepted into the Program. Once you have been accepted, refunds will only be granted after an appeal has been received and approved; should an appeal be granted, a partial refund may be credited on a sliding scale.
** Attendance at the Orientation Sessions is mandatory. Absence may result in expulsion from the Program and forfeiture of the deposit.

All dates, costs and program information are subject to change as necessary due to fluctuations in the currency exchange rate or other reasons. Program subject to approval by the Council of Trustees.

For more information contact:
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"If I could, I would do it all over again and wouldn't change a thing--it's such a worthwhile experience!"
---Shannon Benner '16

Dangerously beautiful sights to see, you won't want to leave!
---Jess Preno '15

The Kutztown University Summer Program in Austria/Southern Germany 2015

THE PROGRAM After eight exciting days in Munich and traveling to sites in Bavaria, the Program moves its home base to Telfes, Austria. Telfes, a scenic alpine village in the Stubai valley 15 kilometers south of Innsbruck, will serve as our home base for instruction, site visits, and excursions.
COURSES OFFERED

GER 104—Intermediate German IV  In this intermediate language course, students continue to develop basic skills in aural comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. Readings are supplemented with independent texts pertaining to Austrian culture, society, history and literature.

HIS 227—History of the Holocaust  This course is a study of the Holocaust in Nazi-dominated Europe. It focuses on Nazism's mass murder of European Jewry and other targeted groups that produced a mosaic of ethnic, social and political victims. Special study will be devoted to historical sites and museums in Austria and southern Germany that center on the rise of the Nazis, their radical anti-Semitism of the 1930s, and genocidal programs during World War II.

PSY 255—Environmental Psychology  The study of individual and group behavior as it relates to natural and human-made environments in both Austria and Germany. Emphasis is placed on aspects of the environment such as space, physical arrangements, crowding, and pollution as they relate to behavior. Field trips in the Austrian Alps, Munich, historical sites and museums will encourage application of course concepts.

Program Coordinator/Instructor

Dr. Gregory Hanson, Associate Professor of German. Dr. Hanson studied Germanistik at the University of Konstanz, Germany, the University of Marburg, Germany and the University of Berne, Switzerland. He has led five student study groups to the Goethe Institute—Rothenburg ob der Tauber and seven groups to Munich and Austria.

Program INSTRUCTORS

Dr. John Delaney, Professor of History. Dr. Delaney learned German in Freiburg, Germany. He spent a semester at the University of Darmstadt, a year at the University of Munich, and was a research fellow at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC. He has taught seven times in KU's Austria Program and has led a study group of travelling KU students through Germany and Poland.

Dr. Derek Mace, Assistant Professor of Psychology, is an experimental psychologist with expertise in spatial cognition, memory, learning and evolutionary psychology. He teaches courses in Sensation and Perception, Experimental Psychology and Learning Motivation and Emotion. His interests include cognitive neuroscience, statistics, physiological psychology, pedagogy in psychology and the liberal arts. Dr. Mace has participated four times in KU’s Austria Program.

Credit:  Students will register for one 3-credit class. A letter grade will be given. No “Incompletes” will be issued.

Cost:  The final cost of the 2015 KU Summer Program in Austria/Southern Germany has yet to be determined. Currency exchange rate fluctuations may cause the fee to increase slightly, but the figures below should provide a very good estimate.

PA resident—undergraduate:  $ 2,950.00
Non-PA resident—undergraduate:  $ 4,411.20

• Flight:  Course participants are responsible for making their own plane reservations. Airfare is not included in the program fee. Students will be informed which flights the instructors will be taking if they wish to join them. Airfares are notoriously volatile and range for the moment (Fall 2014) from $900 to $1400.

• Meals:  You will be responsible for paying for lunch and dinner while in Munich (eight days) and for one meal per day (usually lunch) while in Austria. All other meals are included in the program fee.

• International Student Identity Card:  This ID costs $23 and is available at the KU Office of International Admissions in the Boxwood House 484-646-4256, or at www.myISIC.com

• Documentation:  Students must have a valid passport prior to departure. Current price is $110. Be advised that the procedure for passport application may take up to two months.

• Application:  Applications for the KU Summer Program in Austria/Southern Germany are available from Dr. Hanson in DeFrancesco 21. Selection is based on a variety of factors that include, but are not limited to, program objectives, cultural adaptability, language ability and academic standing. This year’s program is limited to 21 students and the application process will be competitive. Please apply!

• Deadlines & Dates:

  • March 2, 2015—Applications are due to Dr. Hanson in DeFrancesco 21
  • March 6, 2015—Notification of Acceptance
  • Dates:  Depart US: May 15, 2015
            Arrive Germany: May 16, 2015
            Depart Germany: June 10, 2015