

STUDY, INTERN, AND WORK ABROAD FOR GERMAN STUDENTS



Living, working, and conducting research in a German-speaking country are great ways for students to familiarize themselves with the people, language, and customs of the land. Virginia Tech students are encouraged to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities for study, internships, and research available in Austria, Germany, and the German-speaking part of Switzerland. Programs abroad can be for a few weeks in the summer, a semester, or an entire academic year. Many offer courses at various levels, so study abroad is ideal for beginners as well as advanced students. Often there are classes in English as well as German, so students can enroll in courses that are part of a German major or minor as well as those that count as General Education/Pathways or for another program of study.

Credit: Students who study abroad can earn credit for specific VT courses or for GER 3954 Study Abroad. Those who complete an internship commonly register for GER 4964 Field Study. Undergraduates who pursue a research project abroad earn credit for GER 4994 Undergraduate Research. All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, including all German majors and minors, must complete this form BEFORE departure: [Authorization to Take Courses Abroad](#).

VT in Germany

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VT in Germany is the study abroad program of the German Program. The three-week summer program pairs daily lessons and readings with visits to famous cultural sites such as Neuschwanstein Castle and the Reichstag building in Berlin. Other activities include hiking, kayaking, and a multiple day bike tour. The itinerary includes Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Nuremberg, Weimar, and Berlin. Students earn three credits. Motivated students can arrange to extend their stay and earn another 3-6 credits at the Freie Universität in Berlin. Applications are due in December and are accepted thereafter on a rolling basis until the program is full. Program dates: July 8 to July 28, 2020. Open to all majors and levels of German. For information contact Dr. Mike Layne: jmlayne@vt.edu.

Useful Resources

A good place to start is Virginia Tech's [Global Education Office](#) website. The link for Outbound Students provides information about the various programs, scholarship support, and how to prepare for your travel abroad, with important advice regarding finances and insurance.

Here are additional links that offer helpful and practical information.

General Information

DAAD [Studienangebote](#) – international degree programs and short-term courses offered in Germany

[ISEP Germany Country Handbook](#) – a must-read if you want to study in Germany

[Student's Guide to Studying Abroad](#) – resources, scholarships, tips, and tricks for study abroad

[Going Global: A College Student's Road Map to Studying Abroad](#) - helpful information from the Affordable College

Online Website

[StudyAbroad.com](#) – degree and non-degree programs

DAAD [Study in Germany](#) – information about Germany, programs of study, and planning your stay

DAAD [Study in Germany – Cost of Living](#) – monthly expenses when studying abroad

[AATG Learn German - Undergraduates](#) – study abroad programs, internships, fellowships, and grants

MyGermanUniversity [Study in Germany](#) – a webinar providing basic information about applying to study in

Germany, including academic program databases and scholarships; click on “Show More” for additional links and video contents

Study Abroad Programs

[FU-BEST](#) – Berlin European Studies program, with German language courses as well as courses in English at the Freie Universität Berlin

[FUBIS](#) – international summer and winter university at the Freie Universität Berlin

[Fulbright Study/Research Grants](#) – for students with a bachelor's; apply at beginning of **senior year**
[Heidelberg](#) – International Summer School of German Language and Culture
[Institute for the International Education of Students \(IES\) Berlin](#)
[International Student Exchange Programs \(ISEP\)](#)
[Marburg](#) – Intensive German Studies Program
[Salzburg](#) - AIFS
[UAS7](#) – German Universities of Applied Sciences study and internship opportunities
[Wayne State Junior Year in Munich](#) - Junior Year Abroad in Munich organized by Wayne State University's German Program

Work Abroad/Internships

[AATG Internship Resources](#) – internship providers resources
[Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals](#) (CBYX for Young Professionals) – language training phase (August-September), study phase (October-January), internship phase (February-June); deadline in the fall; highly competitive
[Cultural Vistas](#) – a non-profit exchange organization that promotes global understanding and assists students in finding and applying for internships. Also administers scholarships.
[DAAD Research Internships in Science and Engineering \(RISE\)](#)
[Deutscher Bundestag](#) – deadline is usually in June for the following year (March-July)
[EMGIP-Bundestag Internship](#) – German Parliament Internship
<https://www.ucis.pitt.edu/esc/home> – European Study Center internships
[FU-BEST Internships](#) – 8-week internships in Berlin (mid-May – mid-July)
[Fulbright English Teaching Assistant \(ETA\) Grants](#) – for students with a bachelor's degree; must apply at beginning of senior year; opportunities in Germany and Austria (require separate application)
[German American Exchange](#) – 3-month paid summer internships
[International Cooperative Education](#) - paid internships during the summer and for 1-2 semesters
Studierendenwerk Karlsruhe – internship for one VT student during the summer; information will be shared via e-mail as soon as details for the internship become available
[Steuben-Schurz-Gesellschaft](#) – Internship Program
[UAS7 German Universities of Applied Sciences Study and Internship Program](#) (SIP) in Germany
[U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Germany](#)
[GoinGlobal](#) – this resource provides career guides and listings of jobs and internships abroad
[Yo! Yo! Camps](#) – teach English at German summer camps
[German Marshall Fund](#) internships

Scholarships

[Jamie Bishop Memorial Scholarship](#) – select German Language; for study and internship in Germany; administered by VT German Program
[College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Education Abroad Scholarship](#)
[VT Undergraduate Scholarships](#)
[Non-VT Undergraduate Scholarships](#)
[DAAD Scholarships and Grants](#)

Research

[Research in Germany](#) – Opportunities for undergraduates and graduate students

Contacts

[Global Education Office](#)

German majors and minors interested in opportunities abroad should consult their German advisor.

