

Study Abroad in Germany

Full Year

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Class of `08

1. Renata Shypailo

Majors: German, Government, Classics

Years of German before going abroad High School: 5 College: 2

Study Abroad Program and Location: BW-Exchange, Freiburg

I was abroad for the academic year 2006-07 as a junior.

Number of courses from Study Abroad credited to major other than German: 3

I lived in a WG (shared apartment): X with a host family: in a dorm

If a WG, how many roommates, and what countries did they come from?

3, 1 Canadian and 2 French.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

Best decision of my college career. Learned German, enjoyed my SLI classes (German as a second language classes). Profs were difficult.

2. Ben Duclos

Majors: German

Years of German before going abroad High School: 4 College: 2

Study Abroad Program and Location: BW-Exchange, Tübingen

I was abroad for the academic year 2006-07 as a junior.

Number of courses from Study Abroad credited to major other than German: N/A

I lived in a WG (shared apartment): X with a host family: in a dorm

If a WG, how many roommates, and what countries did they come from?

There were 4 floors, with 5 people on each floor. Most were Germans, some American and a few eastern European. I lived right above a café and next to a church. It was perfect.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

3. Nicholas Sullivan

Majors: German Studies, Government

Years of German before going abroad High School: 0 College: 1

Study Abroad Program and Location: BW-Exchange, Heidelberg

Number of courses from Study Abroad credited to major other than German: 2

I was abroad for the academic year 2006-07 as a junior.

I lived in a WG (shared apartment): with a host family: in a dorm

If a WG, how many roommates, and what countries did they come from?

Turkey

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 2

General comment or anecdote:

It was a great experience. I do wish there had been better contact and help registering, and adjusting abroad.

4. Vladimir Morar

Majors: Psych & Religious studies Minor: German studies

Years of German before going abroad High School: 0 College: 2

Study Abroad program and location: BW-Exchange, Freiburg

I was abroad for the academic year 2006-07 as a junior.

Number of courses from Study Abroad credited to major other than German: 4, psychology

I lived in a WG (shared apartment): X with a host family: in a dorm

If a WG, how many roommates, and what countries did they come from?

3 roommate: 2 from Germany, 1 from China

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote: It was awesome!

Class of `07

1. Joe Larkin

Majors: economics, psychology, German

Years of German before going abroad: High School: 0 College: 2

Study Abroad program and location: B-W Exchange, Konstanz

Number of courses from Study Abroad credited to a major other than German: 4

I was abroad for the academic year 2005-06 as a junior.

I lived in a WG (shared apartment): with a guest family: in a dorm: X

Overall rating of your experience abroad (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

2. Soren Gabrielsen

Majors: German studies, philosophy

Years of German before going abroad High School: 4 College: 2

Study Abroad program and location: BW-Exchange, Freiburg

I was abroad for the academic year 2005-06 as a junior

Number of courses from Study Abroad credited to major other than German:

I lived in a WG (shared apartment): X with a host family: in a dorm

If a WG, how many roommates, and what countries did they come from?

6 roommates, all from Germany, although, as far as my experience goes, in Freiburg it is rather unusual to have had all German roommates, as there is such a large population of foreign students in this town. Also, I would highly recommend living in a WG if one has the chance.

Some of my best friends from that year are the people I lived with, and these living circumstances also facilitate quicker emersion in the language and culture.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

Overall it was incredible; I couldn't say enough good things about my year abroad. Spending a year in Freiburg gave me the opportunity to thoroughly immerse myself in the German culture and traditions of that region, and gave me the chance to establish long lasting friendships. The

independence and confidence I gained through managing my whole life in a foreign country and in a foreign language are invaluable.

One semester

Class of `09

1. Marley Wertheimer

Majors: psych-based human relations, German studies

Years of German before going abroad High School: 0 College: 2

Study Abroad program and location: BW-Exchange, Heidelberg

I was abroad for Fall semester 2007 Spring semester as a junior

Number of courses from Study Abroad credited to major other than German:

I lived in a WG (shared apartment): with a host family: in a dorm

If a WG, how many roommates, and what countries did they come from?

4 – Taiwan, Russia & 2 from Germany

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

The weather is better in the spring & summer. Also, rooming with a Russian is easier said than done.

2. Nathaniel Wiley

Majors: English, Philosophy

Years of German before going abroad High School: 0 College: 1

Study Abroad program and location: BW Exchange, Heidelberg

I was abroad for Fall semester 2007 Spring semester as a junior

Number of courses from Study Abroad credited to major other than German: 2, English

I lived in a WG (shared apartment): X with a host family: in a dorm

If a WG, how many roommates, and what countries did they come from?

1 roommate from Africa

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

The café scene in Germany is great. Heidelberg is best in the summer.

Class of `08

1. Michael Panoli

Majors: German studies and history

Years of German before going abroad High School: 0 College: 2.5

Study Abroad program and location: BW Exchange, Freiburg

I was abroad for Fall semester Spring semester 2007 as a junior

Number of courses from Study Abroad credited to major other than German:

I lived in a WG (shared apartment): X with a host family: in a dorm

If a WG, how many roommates, and what countries did they come from?

My first WG was with 8 people all from Germany; my second was with one person from Italy.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 2.5

General comment or anecdote:

I loved the country and will always treasure the experience, however I found my living situation very difficult and my program was not equipped to handle the situation.

Summer Study

Class of `09

1. Nathaniel Wiley

Program name: Max Weber (BW-Exchange)

Location and year: Heidelberg, 2007

Length of program: 1 month, Sept. Years of German before program: 1

I went after my freshman sophomore X junior year.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

2. Marley Wertheimer '09

Program name: 1) Berlin 2) Max Weber (BW-Exchange)

Location and year: 1) Berlin, 2006 2) Heidelberg, 2007

Length of program: 1 (Aug.) & 2 (Sept.), one month

Years of German before program: 1) 1 yr. 2) 2 yrs.

I went after my freshman 1 sophomore 2 junior year.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

Class of '08

1. Renata Shypailo

Program name: Sommersprachkurs (BW-Exchange)

Location and year: Tübingen, 2006

Length of program: 1 month, Sept. Years of German before program: 7 yrs.

I went after my freshman sophomore X junior year.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

Learned the most German, the program was absolutely excellent. My German was not great before, pretty weak. Much better afterwards.

2.. Michael Panoli

Program name: Winter University (BW-Exchange)

Location and year: Stuttgart, 2007

Length of program: 2 months, Jan-Feb Years of German before program: 2.5 yrs.

I went after my freshman sophomore junior X year.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

I loved everything about my host family, even though they were crazy and I loved the university.

Class of `07

1. Soren Gabrielsen

Program name: Sprachlehrinstitut (BW-Exchange)

Location and year: Freiburg, 2005

Length of program: 1 month, September Years of German before program: 7

I went after my freshman sophomore X junior year.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

I would also recommend taking part in a summer language program, even if one has a high level of German proficiency. Besides being useful in improving ones language skills before the start of the University semester, it is also a way to meet other exchange students from all over the world and keep busy (but not too busy) during the month and a half long period between your arrival and the start of the semester. It will give you a head start on preparing for university in a foreign country and on making friends early on with people who are in a similar situation as you. Plus, it's free.

2. Joe Larkin

Program name: Deutsch als Fremdsprache (John S. King Scholarship)

Location and year: Bremen 2005

Length of program: 1 month, August Years of German before program: 1

I went after my freshman X sophomore junior year.

Overall rating of your experience (5 terrible, 1 excellent): 1

General comment or anecdote:

Internships

Class of `08

1. Vladimir Morar

Internship name, location and year: Epidemiology of Subthreshold Depression, Institute for Psychology, Freiburg, 2007.

Sponsorship: CISLA X PICA CELS CCBES BW-Exchange

Comment or brief description:

Probably the best research experience in my undergraduate years, apart from my current thesis.

2. Ben Duclos

Internship name, location and year: Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut, Tübingen, 2006-07

Sponsorship: CISLA PICA CELS CCBES BW-Exchange X

Comment or brief description:

I worked with the USA advisory board. I helped college age Germans learn about and apply to American colleges. I also worked in the library, and helped with the Rent-An-American program (<http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,496731,00.html> and <http://www.rentanamerican.de/>).

3. Renata Shypailo

Internship name, location and year: Landratsamt Hochschwarzwald, Kirchzarten, 2007

Sponsorship: CISLA PICA CELS X CCBES Other

Comment or brief description:

Worked with Asylbewerber and Flüchtlinger.

Class of `07

1. Soren Gabrielsen

Internship name, location and year: Gedenkstätte Bergen-Belsen, Belsen/Winsen, 2006

Sponsorship: CISLA X PICA CELS CCBES Other X

Comment or brief description:

I was situated in a very remote town in a rural part of northern Germany, north of Celle. I stayed with a guest family, an old couple, who were very courteous and helpful, but kept to themselves for the most part. My internship involved researching the Belsen war crimes trial at the Bergen-Belsen memorial/historical site.

2. Joe Larkin

Internship name, location and year: Bundesvereinigung der Deutschen Arbeitgeberverbände, Berlin, 2006

Sponsorship: CISLA X PICA CELS CCBES Other

Comment or brief description:

Class of `05

1. Zach West

Internship name, location and year: Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich, 2004

Sponsorship: CISLA X PICA CELS CCBES Other

Comment or brief description:

Research assistant at IfZ. Ended up mainly doing data entry on Excel spreadsheets. In hindsight, I'd rather have interned at the Bundestag or other government agency in Berlin.