BCGS Berlin Study Abroad Program
for
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Who is Eligible?

Berlin

- Typically Juniors
- Possible for exceptional rising Sophomores
- 4 sem. college German or equivalent (fall)
  5 semesters (spring)
- 3.0 cum grade point
- 3.0 in German
- Good academic and personal standing

AJY Heidelberg

- Typically Juniors
- Qualified Sophomores (ACT/SAT scores)
- 4 sem. college German or equivalent
- 3.0 cum grade point
- Good academic and personal standing

Courses -- Berlin

- Six week pre-semester language and culture course
  - Typically, 3 language levels
  - 6 credits (3 can count toward German major)
- Two program courses available in spring, one in fall
  - *U.S. Perceptions of Germany and the Germans from Bismarck to Hitler* (in German; usually every spring)
  - Others vary depending on that year´s academic director.
- Two courses at the Freie Universität or at another university or Hochschule in Berlin
  - In a wide variety of academic disciplines
  - All courses and coursework in German
  - Tutors available

Courses -- Heidelberg

- Four week pre-semester language and orientation course
  -- 3 credits -- can count toward German major

- Program courses available in spring and fall
  --typically courses on culture, literature, reading and composition, as well as economics

- Courses directly at the university
  --wide range of subject areas
  --weekly tutorials available
  -- All coursework in German

- Sprachpartner can be arranged

Course Credit

- Typically, 15 credits per semester
- Courses earn Notre Dame credit
- Grades factored into GPA
- Overloads possible but require College approval (happens very infrequently)
- Credits earned may be applied to
  - German major
  - Other majors
  - University requirements

Internships -- Berlin

- Internships possible
  - Students find and arrange; program staff assists

- Past internships
  - Foreign policy think tank; German Parliament
  - FU Hospital; Caritas
  - Physics Lab at the FU
  - Red Cross (accounting division);
  - Mayor's office; Urban planning
  - PR firm; Opera House

Internships -- Heidelberg

- Internships possible
  - AJY provides information even before arrival
  - Staff assists students
  - Internship duration is for the semester

- Typical internships available
  - Museum work at the Universitätsarchiv
  - Teaching Assistant in a school
  - German American Institute
  - Klosterhof Brauerei
  - Barmer GEK Insurance Company
  - International Office at the university

Typical Timeline – Berlin

(typical)

	FALL	SPRING
Required Orientation	Aug. 29 – Aug. 31	Feb. 27 – Feb. 29
Host Family stay	Aug. 30 – Sept. 30	Feb. 28–March 29
German Discourse & Culture	Sept. 2 – Oct. 9	March 2 – Apr. 8
Freie Uni. classes begin	Oct. 12	April 18
Holiday	Dec. 21 – Jan. 2	April 25 – April 28
Classes end	Feb. 13	July 16
Final papers & etc. due	Feb. 25	July 23

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	FALL	SPRING
Orientation & Preliminary Language Course	Sept. 2 – 25	March 2 – April 1
Fall Break Spring Break	Oct. 1 -- 8	April 7 -- 14
University classes begin	Oct. 12	April 18
End of Fall Sem. Program	Dec. 16	
Holiday	Dec. 19 – Jan 6	March 25 – 28
University classes end (All Year and Extended Fall Semester students)	Feb. 5	July 25

Housing and Meals -- Berlin

- During pre-semester language practicum
  - Four week homestay
- During semester
  - Students secure own housing
    - Dormitories
    - Shared/private living arrangements in apartments
- Students are responsible for their own meals

Housing and Meals -- Heidelberg

- Housing in university dormitories often WG
  --arranged by the program
- Homestays can be arranged over holidays
- Students are responsible for their own meals

Excursions and Adventures

- **Berlin**
  - In and around the city
  - -Performances
  - -Bundestag visit
  - -Day Trips, Study Trips
- **Heidelberg**
  - Nearby cities and regions
  - Culture coupons
  - German Rail pass provided

Financial Information

- Financial aid transfers, but work-study program is not possible
- Students pay usual ND tuition, room and board, plus a $750 study abroad fee
- Students receive a stipend
- Students are responsible for roundtrip airfare, passport fee, books and supplies, and personal expenses

How to Apply

- Go to: studyabroad.nd.edu

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Berlin

Region	Europe
Term	Academic Year, Spring
Student Year	Junior
Courses Offered By	College of Arts and Letters, College of Engineering, College of Science, Keough School of Global Affairs, Mendoza College of Business

The city of Berlin, now considered Germany's cultural, political, and economic center, provides you with the opportunity to observe first-hand the emerging impact of a reunited Germany on the rest of Europe as you study at the renowned Freie Universität-Berlin. The founding motto of the Freie Universität Berlin, "Truth, Justice, Freedom," has shaped its history since 1948. With 42,500 students in approximately 90 different programs of study, the FU Berlin is the largest university in Germany's capital, and one of the largest in the nation.

The program begins with a six-week language intensive German Discourse & Culture course to help familiarize you with German daily life and boost your language ability. Throughout your program, you will explore Berlin through guided tours of historical sites, theater performances, visits to federal institutions, and excursions to nearby cities such as Munich, Nuremberg, Bonn, and Weimar. While this program is particularly suited for students majoring in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, FU Berlin offers a wide range of courses applicable to most majors. All coursework will be in German with program tutors available to assist you with the transition to taking courses in the German University system. There is also ample opportunity to join one of the many student organizations connected to the universities in Berlin or pursue internships or volunteer throughout the city.

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Learn More & Apply

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TO SUBMIT A STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION:

Step One:

- Read and digitally sign the **Participation Agreement**

Step Two:

- Complete and **SUBMIT** the **Study Abroad Application Questionnaire**. You may begin the application questionnaire and save it for completion at a later date, **BUT NOTE** you must click **SUBMIT** for the questionnaire to be marked 'Received'

Step Three:

- Send **all *required*** approval and reference requests, **making sure to follow the instructions associated with each approval and reference.**
- All programs will require ***at least*** one Academic Reference.

PLEASE NOTE: There is **NO** final ***'Submit'*** button. Your study abroad application is considered ***SUBMITTED*** once the three steps above have been completed.

Dates / Deadlines:

Term	Year	App Deadline	Decision Date	Start Date	End Date
Academic Year	2019-2020	11/01/2018	01/18/2019	TBA	TBA
Term runs late August/early September through late July					
Spring Semester	2020	11/01/2018	01/18/2019	TBA	TBA
Term runs late February/early March through late July					

Apply Now

Application Components

Application Deadline: November 1st

Language Reference

Academic Reference

Statement of Purpose

Application Process

Stage 1: Application online at NDI website by Nov. 1
NDI decisions for nomination late January

Stage 2: Application online at BCGS and AJY Heidelberg website

Online language test for Berlin

Deadlines: Berlin

March – All year program October – Spring semester

Deadlines: Heidelberg

March – All year program & Fall semester only

October – Spring semester program

Questions?

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http:www.ogp.columbia.edu/program/bcgs

http://www.heidelberg.edu/academiclife/distinctive/studyabroad/ajy

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