

Discover Deutschland: Summer Study Abroad 2025

Join us for this one-month study abroad trip to Germany! Experience the culture while learning German in Munich, a historic, charming, and culturally rich city in Bavaria, Germany. Bavaria is home to Oktoberfest, BMW, fairy-tale castles, picturesque landscapes, gorgeous cathedrals, and world-class museums. Learning German, the most widely spoken language in the European Union, will boost your career potential and open new doors for you. With the region as your classroom, you will have a unique hands-on learning experience! **No prior experience with German is necessary!**



Application Deadline

March 1, 2025

https://harper-study-abroad.via-trm.com/client/program_brochure/16022

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Dates

Course Dates: May 19 - July 13, 2025

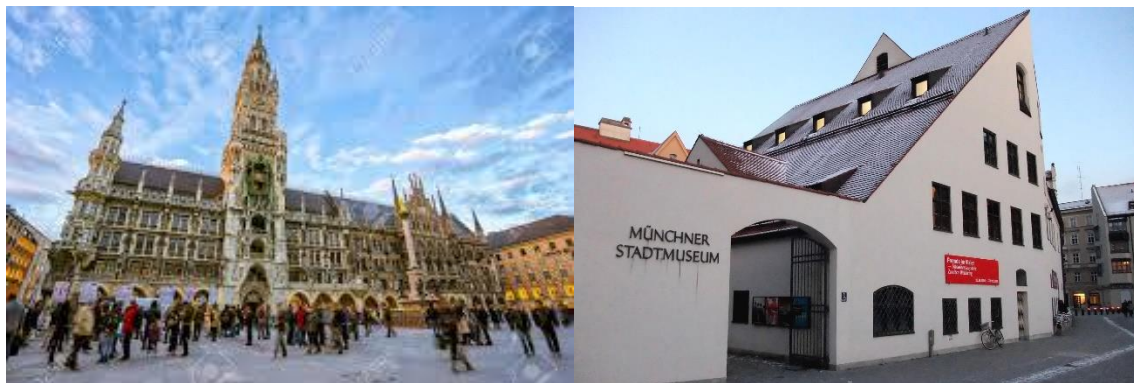
Travel Dates: May 30 - June 29, 2025

Cities and Sites



Munich: Munich has been the capital of the state of Bavaria since 1503 and has a rich and complex history. It one of the most beautiful and exciting German cities; there is always something to do! Some of the sites we will visit are listed below:

- **Marienplatz:** central square with a neo-Gothic city hall (**Rathaus**) and a fantastic **Glockenspiel** (carillon) that performs several times per day. Two critical churches we will see in this square are **Peterskirche** and **Heiliggeistkirche**. We will walk along the shopping street Kaufingerstraße and visit the landmark church of Munich, the late-Gothic **Frauenkirche**. The grandeur of the church is unparalleled, and we can also climb the tower to see majestic views of the city. We will also see **Michaelskirche**, Germany's grandest Renaissance church.
- **Museums:** Munich is known around the world for its museums. We can visit the **Stadtmuseum** (city museum that has outstanding exhibits on beer brewing, fashion, music, photography, and more), **Deutsches Museum** (vast national science and technology museum with 8 floors of exhibits for every interest), **Bayerisches Nationalmuseum** (Bavarian and southern German collections), **BMW Museum** (thrilling look at BMW cars and company culture), and the **Pinotheken** (three art museums with treasures from the 14th century to today).



- **Palaces:** Bavaria has a rich royal history spanning over 500 years. We can visit the **Residenz**, the **Residenzmuseum**, **Schatzkammer**, and **Schloss Nymphenburg**, the former royal family's summer home just outside of the city center.
- **Parks, Markets, and Gardens:** Munich houses one of the largest city parks in Europe, the **Englischer Garten**. We will walk through the garden, stop at the famous Biergarten, and watch surfers on the Eisach River. The **Viktualienmarkt**, a huge open-air market, is also a must-see in Munich. Students can also venture to several gardens and parks, such as the **Botanical Gardens**, the **Hofgarten**, and **Olympiapark**, the venue for the 1972 olympics.



- **Memorials and War Sites:** Munich was the birthplace of the Nazi party in the 1920s and was central to National Socialism and the Second World War. We will learn about this dark and complex part of German history and discuss how Germans process this part of their national past today. We will visit the **NS-Dokumentationszentrum** to learn more about what happened in Munich leading up to and during the war. We will travel outside the city to nearby **Dachau**, Germany's first Nazi concentration camp in 1933. Our trip to Dachau will include a tour of the camp, the memorial, and the museum.
- **Historic Breweries:** A trip to Munich is not complete without learning about its rich beer culture and history. Munich is home to Oktoberfest, the largest folk festival in the world. Students can visit traditional beer halls of the "Big Six" Bavarian beers to experience the region's unique culture and history.



Chiemsee: Often termed Germany's "lake paradise," the Chiemsee region is a must-see when in Bavaria. We will travel by boat around the islands and learn about Bavarian history by visiting the islands and **Schloss Herrenchiemsee**, one of Ludwig II's famous castles.



Neuschwanstein Castle and the Alps: We will take an excursion to the famous Neuschwanstein Castle in Schwangau, Germany, in the heart of the Bavarian Alps. The area is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world due to its gorgeous landscapes and rich history.



Berchtesgaden (Obersalzburg): Students always love our excursion to Berchtesgaden, an Alpine region in Bavaria. We can get a hands-on experience in the salt mines to learn about the history, culture, and trade of the area. Berchtesgaden is also home to the **Eagle's Nest (Kehlsteinhaus)**, Hitler's headquarters in the Alps. Students learn about Bavaria's Nazi past at **Dokumentationszentrum Obersalzburg** and then can experience a breathtaking view from the Kehlstein (weather permitting).

Faculty Leader



Prof. Kim Jaeger is Professor of German and ESL/ Linguistics at Harper College where she teaches German, ESL, linguistics, First Year Seminar, study abroad, and culture courses. Frau Jaeger holds a BSLA and MA in German from Georgetown University, a Graduate Certificate in TESOL from Northeastern Illinois University, and completed the Social Justice Leadership Certificate Program at Harper College. She also studied at the University of Vienna (Austria) and has lived abroad in Germany and Austria. Frau Jaeger is the faculty advisor for Harper College German Club. She serves as a campus coordinator for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program. Frau Jaeger has led students to destinations across Europe, most recently to Berlin, Vienna, Munich, and Salzburg.

Itinerary

You will have a pre-departure orientation and some meetings in late May. The purpose is to orient you to study abroad and our program and give you an introduction to German culture. You will also have a chance to get to know other students and the instructors.

We plan to fly direct from O'Hare to Munich and will spend the first day getting situated in our rooms and exploring the immediate area. Classes in Munich begin on Monday, June 5. Our host institution is the renowned language school, DiD Deutsch-Institut: <https://www.did.de/en/munich>.

Mondays through Fridays, you will have German class at DiD in the morning and then have a break for lunch. After lunch, you will explore Munich and the surrounding area with Prof. Jaeger and local guides. Afternoon activities will include museum visits, tours, interactive sightseeing activities, and some time to explore on your own. You will be asked to do some activities in small groups to explore the city for our German Civilization and Culture course. In the evenings, you can attend cultural events (like concerts or festivals), immerse yourself in local culture, and explore nightlife.



On the weekends, we will do larger excursions to explore other areas of Bavaria. Excursions are already included in the price of your trip, but you may also choose to register for additional activities offered by DiD Deutsch-Institut once we are there.

We plan to fly back to Chicago on June 29. The week after we return, the group will have a post-travel meeting and your final assessments from your German course. You will finish any remaining coursework for the culture class by the end of the summer session (July 13).

Credit Courses

One language course (GER 101, 102, 201, 202, or 205) and one culture class (GER 230- or HUM 115- if students have already taken GER 230 before the program). Students take 4 weeks of German courses in Munich (taught by local Munich instructors) and a German culture course taught by Prof. Kim Jaeger (Harper College- World Languages Department).

Lodging

We will stay at a&o Hostel in Munich: <https://www.did.de/en/munich/youthhotel>

Our youth hotel is conveniently located one S-Bahn stop from the main train station. Because of the hotel's central location, you can reach the school in about ten minutes by tram or twenty minutes on foot. Taking public transportation is a key part of German life and it will help you experience authentic Munich culture! The hotel is located near several popular attractions, restaurants, and shops.

You will stay with another Harper student in a double room; single rooms cost extra. All rooms have a private bathroom, closets for clothing, a TV, and free Wi-Fi. Room cleaning, towel and sheet service, and daily breakfast are included in your price. Washing machines (approx. 4 €) and dryers (approx. 4 €) are available on site, or you can go to a local laundromat. There are also public areas, such as a breakfast room and rooftop balcony, for socializing and lounging.

complex structures of German grammar, fine-tune pronunciation, gain more advanced skills in composition, and continue to expand their vocabulary. Attention is given to complexity, accuracy, and fluency. IAI H1 900

GER 205 German Conversation 3 credit hours
 Description: Provides conversational practice beyond the intermediate level and refines spoken German skills to achieve fluency of expression. Includes the study of the culture of German-speaking people and critical analysis of daily life and current events. Attention is given to complexity, accuracy, and fluency. Not available for credit to native speakers of German.

Culture Course: Each student will take one culture course, GER 230, taught in English.

GER 230 German Civilization and Culture 3 credit hours
 Introduces students to multiple aspects of German culture and civilization from the 20th century to today. Familiarizes students with history, political institutions, economic development, literature, art, and culture of Germany. Gives students an overview of the German-speaking regions of Austria, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein.
 Prerequisites: none; Language of Instruction: English

PROGRAM COST BREAKDOWN WITHOUT TUITION

Please note: program cost can be modified should the exchange rate between the US dollar and European Euro or airfare expected cost changes significantly.

Airfare	\$1,800 (est)
Accommodation	\$1,197
Entrance fees and excursion transportation	\$325
DID instruction	\$815
Miscellaneous*	\$174
Tuition**	Not included since it varies based on in and out of district and credit and CE students.
TOTAL	\$4,311

*includes 2 pre-paid group meals, ground transportation for the month and to and from airport in Munich

**Tuition will be available as Credit or Community Education (CE).

Payment Schedule – based on \$4,500 estimated amount (a little more than the total listed above). Students will be reimbursed for excess if funds are left after we pay all the vendors/fees.

\$500 Deposit: Due with application on March 1st, 2025

\$2,000.00 due April 1st

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