

GERMANY

The Bonn Program OSU Sponsored Study Abroad Program



Program Highlights

Dates

Spring and Summer quarters
(Sommersemester): March-July
2010

Academic year:

September 2010—July 2011

Autumn and Winter quarters
(Wintersemester):

September 2010-February 2011

Locations

Bonn

Academic Credit

Germanic Languages and
Literatures

Program Costs

Ohio State Tuition + \$1,883
program fee (Sommersemester
2010)

Ohio State Tuition + \$2,910
program fee (Wintersemester 2010)

Ohio State Tuition + \$5,269
program fee (Academic Year)

Additional Costs: airfare, meals,
passport, personal expenses
(see "program costs" section for
details)

Application Deadline

Sommersemester: October 1, 2009

Academic Year or Wintersemester:
February 1, 2010

Eligibility

- 3.0 minimum GPA
- Completed German 301
- "B" in German courses

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Program

The Ohio State Study Abroad Program in Bonn, Germany is an academic year or semester program of integrated studies for qualified Ohio State undergraduate students. Students earn graded Ohio State credit while studying a broad range of topics covering most majors. Before the Bonn "Wintersemester" (Autumn and Winter quarters) and "Sommersemester" (Spring and Summer quarters) begins, the program offers a special pre-session in the German language to prepare students for life at Bonn.

Location

Bonn, the 200-year old former capital of West Germany, lies on the historic Rhine River. It has a population of about 300,000 and is close to Cologne and Dusseldorf, two of the largest cities in Germany. Among other things, the city of Bonn is the proud birthplace of Beethoven and Konrad Adenauer.

The University

The Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelm Universität Bonn was founded in 1818, and is among the largest German universities with approximately 38,000 students. It is one of the most respected universities in Germany and has a good reputation in international programs. Its various campuses are located around the city of Bonn.

Courses and Credit

A five-week pre-session begins a few days after students arrive in Bonn in September or March. Its main purpose is to increase students' language skills and cultural knowledge. Courses are conducted by German instructors and are arranged by the Office of International Relations (Akademisches Auslandsamt). The regular winter semester begins in the middle of October. After consultation with the Office of International Relations, students enroll in two to four regular university courses depending on whether additional German language courses are needed. The winter semester ends in early February and is followed by a two-month period during which students may study or travel. The regular spring semester lasts from April to mid-July. Students generally earn between 36-45 Ohio State quarter credit hours for the yearlong program in Bonn, and 20-25 for a semester program. Determination of course equivalencies and specific credits awarded is made upon return to Ohio State, although students are strongly encouraged to consult with the German department prior to going overseas.

Accommodations

Dormitory accommodations with German or other international students are arranged by the program and are included in the program fee. The accommodations include a kitchen in which students may prepare meals.

Program Costs

The program cost is Ohio State full-time tuition plus a program fee of \$1,883 for the Sommersemester and \$2,910 for the Wintersemester or \$5,269 (Academic year). The program fee includes housing, instruction, supplemental health insurance, and administrative fees. It does not include meals (approximately \$600 per month), airfare, in-country transportation, or personal expenses. The program fee will be due one month prior to the start of the study abroad quarter.

Pre-departure Orientation

All students will be required to participate in on-campus pre-departure orientations organized by the Office of International Affairs. These sessions will offer important information on travel, health, academic expectations, and German history and culture. The dates and locations of orientation meetings will be provided in the letter of acceptance.

Application Information

Applicants must submit the Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Application online via buckeyelink.osu.edu. Please note that upon application, a \$150 application fee will be assessed to your Statement of Fees and Accounts. The application fee will be refunded only if you are not accepted or submit a written request to withdraw your application prior to the application deadline. Applicants for the Bonn program are also obliged to turn in an additional personal statement written in German as well as an additional reference (at least one reference must come from a German language instructor).

If you withdraw at any time after the date of your notification of nomination to the exchange program, you will be responsible for any non-recoverable costs that have been incurred on your behalf plus a \$200 cancellation fee.

Passports

Passports are required for every Ohio State study abroad program. For many study abroad destinations, passport information is required to apply for an entry visa (as early as 6 months prior to departure). For information about applying for a passport, go to travel.state.gov.

Web Sites

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	oia.osu.edu
U.S. Department of State	travel.state.gov (travel warnings/country -specific information)
Centers for Disease Control	cdc.gov/travel (geographic health recommendations)
Universität Bonn	http://www.uni-bonn.de/en/International_Relations.html

Contact Us

The Office of International Affairs is located in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue. Please see oia.osu.edu for information about "Getting Started" Information Sessions, Program Exploration Walk-in hours, and Study Abroad Coordinator office hours.

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