TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany — The Summer German language program offers six weeks of intensive language instruction and a seminar on the culture and history of Germany. Students spend five weeks in the medieval town of Schwäbisch Gmünd and participate in a week-long excursion to Berlin. Schwäbisch Gmünd is a medium sized town in eastern Baden-Württemberg near the Bavarian border with a history that dates back to a Roman settlement in the second century.

During your stay in Schwäbisch-Gmünd, you will live in the home of a local family, which will allow you to use your German in everyday situations and provide you with an authentic opportunity to soak up the ambiance of this beautiful town while living as Germans do. Classes will take place at GVSU’s partner university, Pädagogische Hochschule Schwäbisch Gmünd (PHSG), where courses will be taught by both local instructors and a GVSU faculty member. You will also take one class alongside German students. As a result of GVSU’s strong relationship with the host university, you will be given many opportunities to integrate into local student life. In addition to classes and campus activities, you will engage in numerous excursions that will allow you to explore this region of Germany, including Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Nuremberg, and Würzburg.

Cultural Information

WHEN CAN I GO?
May 5 - June 18, 2018 (6 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Program participants will be housed with local families.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
This program is open to all students with at least one year of college-level German or equivalent. Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to non-GVSU students.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): February 1, 2018

Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view Non-GVSU Student Information.

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
Students will register for a total of six (6) credits:

GER 385: Intensive Advanced German, Intensive Intermediate German, or Intensive Beginning German
3 Credits

GER 386: German Culture and Society
3 Credits

Both of these courses will satisfy German major and minor requirements.

Language of instruction: German

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: $4,087.

Includes

- Round-trip airfare from Grand Rapids
- Accommodation
- Most meals
- Field trips
- Local Transportation

Other Expenses

- GVSU Tuition (6 credits) ($3,150)
- Personal expenses ($600)
- Additional lunches ($200)
- Passport fees ($140)
- ISIC Card (Optional) ($28)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = $8,205

FINANCIAL AID
To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school’s study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

Financial Aid FAQs

GRANTS

FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (Up to $1,500): All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to $1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad.

MyScholarships: https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186
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