



ICISP STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Semester Study Abroad in Salzburg, Austria

Fall Dates: September 6 - December 18, 2020

Spring Dates: January 17 - April 30, 2021

Program Summary

The Illinois Consortium for International Studies and Programs (ICISP) is pleased to provide a semester-long study abroad program to Salzburg College, Salzburg, Austria. The program is available in the fall and spring semesters.

Salzburg, Austria, a city with the reputation of being saturated with history and art, is located on the border of Germany and at the northern foothills of The Alps. With a population of 145,871, Salzburg is home to four colleges including Salzburg College, the host of the ICISP Austria Program. Learn more about Salzburg College at <http://www.salzburgcollege.edu/> and about Salzburg at <http://www.salzburg.info/en>.

Admission Requirements

This program is open to serious students who have a strong interest in immersing themselves in Austrian culture and heritage.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older as of the program start date. The minimum age requirement is strictly upheld. All applicants are required to complete an application form. To be considered for admission, students must meet the following minimum admissions requirements:

- completion of at least 12 hours of college-level coursework;
- completion of Freshman English Composition or its equivalent with a B or better;
- a cumulative college earned grade point average of 2.5/4.0 or higher; and
- approval and recommendation of their campus ICISP representative.

A personal interview with the program coordinator may be held to determine the participant's maturity and adaptability to a foreign environment. Successful completion of the application process is required for admission to the program. If a participant has special needs, the program will attempt to make reasonable accommodations within the capacity available at Salzburg College. Disability accommodations will vary according to need and what can reasonably be provided by a foreign institution. It may be difficult for those with severe physical disabilities to travel to and within Austria.



Academics

Students in this program will enroll as full time students at Salzburg College, earning 12 - 18 semester credits. The cornerstone of the program is The European Experience, a course which provides students with an introduction to the history, culture, and people of Austria. This course includes field trips and a forum for inquiry into the country they reside in for the academic term.

Also available are Austrian Literature, Economics & Politics of the European Union, and History of European art courses. The remaining course options are similar to those students take at their home college: courses such as Music History, Global Marketing, and Beginning Photography. Attention has been paid to identify courses that will help students fulfill general education requirements for their degrees. ICISP representatives have a list of courses offered at Salzburg College each term.



Cultural Excursions

The foundation of the program is the various cultural excursions included as part of the Understanding Austria course. The program includes trips to Salzkammergut, Nuremberg, Upper Austria (including Mondsee), St. Florian- the Mauthausen Concentration Camp, Hallstatt, The Old City, Hellbrunn Palace and Water Games, The Salzburg Fortress, The Salzburg Museum and Panorama, and the ORF National Broadcasting Station; a three-day excursion (Friday-Sunday) to Vienna, a two-day excursion (Friday-Sunday) to Bavaria/ Munich, and an optional two-day field trip to Brussels. The cost of transportation and entry fees for all cultural excursions are included in the program cost.



Housing and Meals

The cost of housing is included in the program fee. To maximize cultural involvement, students live either with Austrian families or share a room in an Austrian student dormitory where breakfast and dinner are served. Weekday lunches are provided by Salzburg College when in session. Family accommodations are reserved for students under the age of 26.

WiFi is either available at the location of the housing or Salzburg college. Laundry facilities are also provided.

Pre-Departure Orientation

Participation in a pre-trip orientation is mandatory. The orientation will be held at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL, approximately six to eight weeks prior to departure. Details will be sent upon acceptance. Salzburg College provides an in-country orientation as well.

Passport and Visa

Students will need to acquire or have a current passport before departure. Applicants should allow at least eight weeks for standard passport processing. An application and information can be acquired at your local post office or at travel.state.gov. Passports must be valid for six months after the program ends. A visa is necessary and will be purchased at the Immigration Office in Munich after the term begins. Details will be provided at the orientation.

Fees and Payment

The cost to participate in this program for the 2020-2021 academic year is \$13,643. A \$500 deposit, taken off the total program cost, is due with the completed application form and subject to the cancellation and refund policy as outlined in the application. Applications received after the final deadline will not be considered.

Please submit all payments to the ICISP representative at the applicant's home institution. Final payments must be made to the home institution prior to the orientation date. Payments must be made on schedule or the student risks being dropped from the program.

The application deadline is May 15 for the fall term, and October 15 for the spring term. Applications must be received at the ICISP office by this date. However, the program will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so prospective applicants are encouraged to apply early.



For more information, contact your ICISP representative: