Going Abroad With the CGE

Students will be charged standard HWS tuition and fees and a $600 administrative fee. This will cover credit for a four-course semester, health insurance, and program orientation. Note that no room or board charge is included. Students will pay housing fees directly to the host university and either purchase or prepare their own meals. Students should bring the HWS room and board fees with them to cover these expenses (full-year students will need to plan accordingly to cover two semesters). Room costs will vary depending upon the option chosen but should range from $2100—$2500. While food expenses will vary according to individual tastes, we estimate that about $2100—$2300 should be sufficient for students who prepare their own meals. Additional expenses not covered include airfare, books, residence permit and personal expenses (laundry, entertainment, ground transportation and independent travel). We estimate airfare for this program at $1000—$1200 from the East Coast, books at $250 and residence permit at $150. It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of student expenses because student spending habits differ considerably. We would suggest a minimum of $1,500 above and beyond room and board. However, students on a tight budget should be able to manage with less. If you are concerned about finances, we strongly encourage you to talk to the CGE staff who can offer information and advice based on your specific situation. Students applying to study in Germany through CGE-sponsored programs are encouraged to apply to the Julius G. Blocker ’53 Endowed Fund. Those selected as “Blocker Fellows” receive support to cover a variety of expenses related to their study abroad programs. For further information please visit http://www.hws.edu/academics/global/german/. The deadline for applications for the Blocker Fellowship is the same as the deadline for CGE program applications.

Application Deadline

- This program is offered every semester. Note that spring applicants will be abroad for one semester while fall applicants will be abroad for the full academic year.
- Applications are available at the Center for Global Education.
- Applications are due at the CGE office on a selected date in October (for Fall programs) and March (for Spring programs). For specific dates contact the CGE.

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Pedestrian-only shopping street in Landau
LANDAU, GERMANY

About Landau

Landau, a city of over 40,000, is the main financial and cultural center in the southern Palatinate region in Germany. With its Mediterranean climate, the region is ideally suited for growing grapes and is the second-largest wine producing region in the country. Landau lies just east of the Deutsche Weinstrasse (German Wine Route) and its proximity to the French border is evident in the local cuisine and culture. The city and surrounding region offer a wealth of cultural events and activities, with the larger cities of Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Heidelberg, and Frankfurt/Main easily accessible by a short train ride.

The Program

Hobart and William Smith Colleges maintain an exchange program with the University of Koblenz-Landau in southwestern Germany. The university is comprised of 12,000 students, distributed between the two campuses located in the cities of Koblenz and Landau. This program provides HWS students the opportunity to develop German language skills while taking a variety of other courses in English alongside German students as well as other international students.

Courses

In addition to German language and culture courses (offered at all levels, from beginning to advanced), students will be able to select from a variety of English-language courses in Environmental Studies and English/American Studies. French language and culture courses are also available and Landau’s location near France provides a unique opportunity for students interested in developing both German and French language skills. For a complete list of courses please visit the CGE.

Academic Focus

This program can accommodate a variety of students and is designed for those who are interested in learning more about Germany and in developing German language skills. Students in Environmental Studies (specifically in the sciences), American Studies, European Studies and German Area Studies will find the program of particular interest.

Eligibility

This program is open to all juniors and seniors (sophomores may be considered in exceptional cases) in good academic and social standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0. In addition, students must have completed at least one semester of college-level German prior to the program and must take a German language course in Landau. Exchange opportunities depend on the availability of slots at the host institution. Due to the challenging nature of study abroad, student academic and disciplinary records will be carefully screened. Note: due to the timing of the academic calendar at the University of Koblenz-Landau, seniors participating in the spring semester will not be able to return in time for commencement on the HWS campus. The spring program runs from mid-March—July.

Accommodations

Students will reside in a residence hall administered by Studierendenwerk Vorderpfalz where they will live alongside German and international students. There are communal kitchen/cooking facilities so that students may prepare their own meals if they choose.