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Study Abroad in Germany & Austria

The study abroad program for students of German is offered by the FLL Department each spring semester. This program is celebrating its 29th anniversary in 2002. Following a three-week intensive orientation session on campus, the participants and the UM faculty director travel to Neckargemünd (Missoula's sister-city) and Heidelberg, Germany, where students live with host families for four weeks. This portion of the program consists of coursework offered under a special arrangement with the Institute of Foreign Languages and Cultures at the University of Heidelberg and numerous excursions to significant historical and cultural sites in the area.

At the end of this month in the Neckar Valley region of Germany, the program moves to Vienna, Austria, for a two-month stay. While there, the participants continue to study and practice the German language, but also engage in coursework on Austrian history and culture, on Austrian theater, and prepare a final project on a Viennese or Austrian topic of their choice. Several excursions, music and theater performances, and special presentations are also included in the program. In Vienna, students rent rooms from families so also have the chance to interact daily in a language immersion situation. Students are also given a one-week spring vacation during which they are free to explore other parts of Central Europe.

The Study Abroad Program for students of German is directed by a UM faculty member who accompanies the group during the entire semester. The director of the Spring 2002 program is Dennis McCormick, Professor of German.

In order to apply for the program, students must have completed three semesters, or the equivalent, of college-level German. They may earn up to 16 semester credits while on the program, most of which can be applied either to a German major or minor.

For more information on the program, including specifics about the courses,

costs, and application deadlines, contact:

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