About the Junior Year in Munich

History: Founded 1931, re-opened by Wayne State University 1953
  – In formal affiliation with Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU Munich)
  – Approved by LMU Munich Academic Senate as an affiliated institute
  – Approved as Teil-Studiengang at LMU Munich by Bavarian Ministry of Culture

Mission: Academic integration of US undergraduates with German university studies
  – JYM students are matriculated at LMU Munich, live in university housing

Academics: Full curriculum at LMU Munich (150 subject areas), excl. law & medicine
  – JYM students enroll in 100 university courses annually

Language: Language and area studies electives offered at JYM institute
  – All instruction is in German

Programs: Semester or academic year (German academic calendar)
  – Pre-semester on-site orientation & language programs included

Eligibility: 2 years college-level German or the equivalent with B average (all programs),
  overall GPA of B, junior class ranking by time of departure; seniors also eligible

Student Profile: 55 students from 30+ colleges/universities annually (72% private, 28% public)
  – 84% of students admitted exceed minimum German language requirement
  – Average GPA of students admitted 3.50+
  – 19% German majors; 58% double majors with German; 23% non-German majors

Honors Option: JYM’s “Honors Program for the Study of European Ideas” connects high-achiever
  students to unique experiential opportunities in business, government and academia,
  e.g. Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow Frankfurt, Aspen Institute Berlin, American German
  Business Club e.V. Munich, German Bundestag Berlin, Max Planck Institute Munich

Research: Undergraduate research projects are encouraged
  – Supervised by resident director Prof. Hans-Peter Söder, (Ph.D. Cornell)

Internships: Internships are encouraged; 33% of class of 2006/07 had internships

Scholarships: JYM awards approx. $50,000 in scholarships annually

Alumni: 3500+ alumni from 500 US colleges & universities, incl. Peter Olson, Chairman
  and CEO of Random House, Inc. and the novelist Jonathan Franzen

Quality Control: Praised for excellent organization, service, innovative programming, and
  commitment to integrating students into German student life and university studies
  by an independent review team consisting of Dr. Heidi Soneson, Learning Abroad
  Center, University of Minnesota and Prof. Anton Kaes, Dept. of German, UC-Berkeley.