



About Munich

Among all the places students could study abroad in Germany, Munich offers the best of all worlds: old world culture merges with all the excitement of a robust modern city that is home to Germany top-ranked universities, and all less than an hour from the Alps!

Because of its arts and culture offerings, its enviable geographic location, as well as high standard of living, Munich is continually voted the city in which Germans would most prefer to live. Because of its safe, small town feel, Munich is often referred to as a *Millionendorf* (a village with a million inhabitants) or even Italy's northern-most city. And because of its unique combination of the old and the new existing side-by-side, Munich has been rated one of the "Ten Most Dynamic Cities" of the world by Newsweek, as well as Monocle's "most liveable city in the world."

Founded by Henry the Lion in 1158 and ruled by the Wittelsbach dynasty for 700 years, Munich is most often remembered for the extravagance of Ludwig II and as the site of Hitler's rise to power. Artists, writers and thinkers who once called Munich home include Thomas Mann, Rainer Maria Rilke, Walter Benjamin, Wassily Kandinsky, Paul Klee, Max Weber, Werner Herzog, Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Hans Magnus Enzensberger and even the American author Jonathan Franzen, who is an alumnus of the Junior Year in Munich program.

Munich is known today for its world famous museums, symphony orchestras, theaters, film studios and opera house, as well as for its annual Oktoberfest and favorite soccer club, FC Bayern München. Combine that with the fact that Munich boasts 14 universities (two are the top-ranked in all of Germany) and 12 Max-Planck institutes, is home to the most modern engineering research center in the world, the largest medical research facility and one of the largest solar parks in Europe, and is headquarters to globally-known firms such as Allianz, BMW and Siemens, it is no wonder that the 2014 QS Best Student Cities Ranking placed Munich among the top ten best university cities worldwide.

About Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

The Junior Year in Munich program is affiliated with the prestigious Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich). Founded 1472, LMU Munich is one of the oldest universities in Germany and has repeatedly been ranked the #1 research university in Germany. In 2006 an international jury of the German Research Foundation and Science Council selected LMU Munich to receive one of Germany's first "university of excellence" awards. In 2014 LMU Munich became the only German university to be placed among the top 30 universities in the world by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

With a distinguished record as home to 13 Nobel Prize winners (most recently 2005 in physics) and 10 Leibniz Prize winners (most recently 2013 in medical research), LMU Munich enjoys the reputation as a prestigious institution of higher education for more than 50,000 students, including 7,400 foreign students from 122 nations. The main campus of the university is located in the center of Munich. LMU Munich is divided into 18 Faculties which are home to 203 institutes that focus on research and teaching within 129 disciplines and 150 degree-granting subject areas. The 2014 QS World University Rankings rate the following fields at LMU Munich within the top 50 worldwide: Physics #13, History #27, Modern Languages #30, Biological Sciences #33, Psychology #37.

Faculties in the humanities, social sciences, and business administration are located on the main campus in the city center, while the most of the natural and life sciences are concentrated at the HighTechCampus in Großhadern-Martinsried just outside Munich, a one-of-a-kind research campus in Europe. The LMU Munich Medical Center is one of the largest in Germany and is recognized internationally for its research, teaching and patient care.

LMU Munich enjoys an excellent library system. Faculty and students also have access to the Bavarian State Library, the Technische Universität Munich Library, other local and state LMU partner libraries and the German university Fernleihe network. The main University Library houses nearly 3 million titles, including some 3000 unique manuscripts and 300,000 exceptionally rare printed books. Its departmental libraries add another 4 million titles, making the LMU library system both large and diverse.

About the JYM Program

The Junior Year in Munich (JYM) enjoys privileged status at LMU Munich as an affiliated academic institute approved by the LMU Munich Academic Senate, and is an official course of study (Teil-Studiengang) approved by the Bavarian State Ministry of Culture. Hence our name, the "Junior Year in Munich an der Universität München." Sponsored by Wayne State University since 1953, JYM is America's oldest study abroad program in Germany. Over the course of the past 60+ years, more than 4,780 students from 514 US colleges and universities have studied abroad in Germany with JYM.

Students are enrolled at LMU Munich and have access to the full university curriculum in any major, except law and medicine. Students create their own schedule from among University Courses, JYM Courses (German Language and Area Studies electives), and Undergraduate Research Projects. All instruction is in German.

The JYM website provides extensive information about how to find LMU Munich courses appropriate to a student's interests, needs and linguistic ability. The university courses a student takes will depend upon his/her linguistic ability, as demonstrated by a proficiency examination given at the end of the Orientation Period, his/her desired areas of study, as approved by his/her undergraduate advisor, and the recommendations of the on-site Resident Director, Professor Hans-Peter Söder (Ph.D. Cornell University).

Special Features

- **Language Instruction:** All students are required to enroll in Advanced German Language (JY 310/320). JYM language courses are designed according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, and prepare students to take internationally recognized proficiency exams such as the Goethe-Zertifikat B2 or C1, the TestDaF Level 4, or the Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang ausländischer Studienbewerber (DSH).
- **JYM Electives:** JYM area studies courses are electives that utilize Munich's prestigious cultural, educational and historical resources as an integral part of the curriculum, and include visits and/or assignments related to museums, archives, theatrical performances, or even travel beyond Munich. The most current list of JYM courses can be found on the program website, along with a description of the teaching faculty. All instruction is in German.
- **Certificate in Intercultural Communication:** In cooperation with the Institut für Interkulturelle Kommunikation (IKK) at LMU Munich, full-year students may earn a Certificate for Intercultural Competence Study and Training upon successful completion of a set of designated IKK courses.

- **Undergraduate Research:** JYM encourages and supports undergraduate research projects. Many students take advantage of this opportunity to work on a Senior Thesis or capstone project, or prepare for Fulbright and DAAD scholarship applications after graduation. A list of previous undergraduate research projects is available on the JYM website.

- **Studio Arts:** Six world-famous museums are just minutes walking distance from JYM. In addition to taking courses at LMU Munich, students may also pursue a studio art project under the direction of the acclaimed contemporary artist Ugo Dossi, whose work has been selected for exhibition at Documenta and is on display at nearly 50 museums throughout Europe.

- **Creative Writing:** JYM has long tradition of encouraging and supporting young writers. Students have the opportunity to have their creative work published in JYM's journal "WENDEPUNK.T – Zeitschrift für eine neue Zeit" which brings together talents of all nationalities in Munich.

- **Internships:** Internships have been arranged (primarily for full-year students) in a wide variety of interest areas, including marketing, publishing, education, the automotive industry, ecology and the environment, health care, e-commerce, government, foreign service, international trade, economic development and urban planning. A list of previous internship placements is available on the website.

Course Load

The standard course load on the Junior Year in Munich program is 15 credit hours (five courses per semester). The course units may be a combination of JYM and University courses.

Grading & Transcripts

JYM grading is based on a letter scale, A--F. The German number scale of grading is translated into the US letter scale before it is recorded on an official Wayne State University transcript.

Calendar: Year & Semester Programs

JYM follows the German university calendar:

Full year (late Sept-July); First Semester (late Sept-Feb); Second Semester (late March-July)

On-Site Support & Living Arrangements

The JYM institute (where JYM language courses and area studies electives are taught) is centrally located in the city center, adjacent to the Kunst-Areal (museum district) and many university buildings. The institute is located in a historic turn-of-the-century building and includes an extensive library collection, study area and lounge, classrooms, computers and wireless networking capability. Six of Munich's world-renowned museums are just a few minutes walk from JYM. Throughout the year the JYM institute is used for JYM course instruction, guest speaker and special events, personal and educational support when needed, or simply relaxation when desired. Professor Hans-Peter Söder is JYM's full-time Resident Director in Munich. He holds a Ph.D. in German Intellectual History from Cornell University. He is assisted by two full-time Academic Coordinators and ten teaching faculty.

JYM students live alongside other university students in the popular "Student City" (Studentenstadt), located next to the English Garden (the largest urban park in Europe – larger than New York's Central Park) and about 15 minutes from the city center with public transportation. Students live in small but cozy efficient apartments that come with their own kitchen space (countertop burners, refrigerator, and

cupboards), private shower/ WC, bed, desk, balcony, and internet connectivity. Students are placed in different Häuser, and each floor has its own common area (GAP) where students come together to watch TV, share meals, have parties, or just hang out and relax. In the Studentstadt there are student-run tutoring programs, extra-curricular workshops and courses, cafes, restaurants and dance clubs.

In addition to the support provided by JYM staff in Munich, the Studentenwerk München, which operates the student residence halls and student cafeterias in Munich, provides a wide range of support services for students matriculated at all universities in Munich.

Student Life

JYM can connect students to a wide range of social activities that match their interests. JYM students have joined local football, basketball and baseball teams, cathedral choirs, musical groups, orchestras and horseback riding clubs. Some have participated in the city marathon and triathlon, an international baseball team, ballroom dancing, and even judo competition. Because JYM students are enrolled at LMU Munich, they may take sports and fitness courses through the Central University Sports (Zentraler Hochschulsport München).

Because the JYM institute has long been the venue for German American friendship and cooperation in Munich, the program also has organized seminars and forums that bring together US foreign service representatives, industry leaders, US and German scholars, and internationally known poets, dramatists and musicians. Networking events are organized regularly with the US Consulate in Munich, the Association of American University and Professional Women (AAUPW), the Bavarian American Academy, and the American German Business Club in Munich that connect JYM students to the local community. As a result, JYM students have volunteered their time to help charitable organizations and local schools, obtained internships and found part-time work while in Munich.

The International Office at LMU Munich also provides a number of services of particular interest to foreign students. TutoRIA is a group of LMU students that organizes trips and other leisure activities for international students. The International University Club of Munich, located in the International Office, organizes field trips, outings and events, as does the Munich Erasmus Student Association.

What do People say about JYM?

"I loved the fact that JYM was not a 'factory program.' JYM really cares about the students and provides amazing opportunities." (Megan, Kenyon College)

"Whatever it is you could want to do here, JYM will find a way to make it possible." (Matt, University of Pennsylvania)

"A major value of the program to me was the ability to branch out into German culture, language, academia and sports, while having a solid support staff and JYM base behind me." (Corbin, Hamilton College)

"I loved JYM because it combined the opportunity to study at a great German university with a very helpful support system. I also liked that one can tailor their own experience to their tastes." (Jason, University of Pennsylvania)

"I have been a fan of the Junior Year in Munich for years and always advise Harvard students to choose this program. I am firmly convinced that it is by far the best study abroad program in Germany." (Prof. Peter Burgard, Harvard University)