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If you have questions or problems of any kind relating to the program, contact Louise Speed in the JYM Office (313-577-4605) before seeking information from any other Wayne State department.

Be sure to give this information to your parents. Everything concerning program administration, including billing, admissions, registration, financial aid, is handled in this office and no other office on campus will be able to help you. When in doubt about anything, please contact the JYM office first.

Please do not attempt to contact the University of Munich (LMU) directly because they will have no record of you. The JYM is responsible for your matriculation and registration at the LMU.

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Please be sure that your parents have these names and contact information.
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY “ACADEMICA” PORTAL

As a JYM student, you will be admitted as a guest student and registered for 15 credit hours at Wayne State University. Once our Admissions Office has admitted the JYM student group, we will send you your student number, your Access ID and your password so that you can access the WSU Academica portal. The Academica portal lets you do the following:

- View your Bill/Account Summary
- Pay your bill through the Online Payment system
- **Order an official transcript of your JYM coursework to be sent to your home school** at the end of each semester, and to order official copies any time in the future. (See also Transcript of Grades, p.21)
- Print an enrollment verification statement for insurers and suchlike
- Access your PLUS or Alternative Loan information, and Accept/Decline loan awards (if applying through Wayne State)
- Access your WSU email (probably only necessary if you are applying for a loan, see below). The JYM will always use the email address you provide us)
- View your 1098-T tuition statement tax form detail

PAYMENTS, FINANCIAL AID, LOANS

For payment information, please refer to the program costs and billing information sheets included in your acceptance packet. If you will be receiving financial aid from your home school, you can defer payment to Wayne State until your aid has been disbursed by having your Financial Aid office complete the bottom portion of the Billing Arrangements Form.

You must contact your home school’s financial aid office regarding Federal financial aid and student (Stafford/Direct) loans. Alternative Loans, or PLUS (Parent) Loans can be processed using Wayne State as the school you are attending, but note that PLUS loans require you to file a FAFSA at Wayne State. You must access your Academica account and Wayne State email (see above) if you are applying for a loan using Wayne State as the school you are attending. All financial aid communications are done through email and on Academica.

For full Financial Aid information please refer to the JYM website.
DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY THE DETROIT OFFICE

Please meet the deadlines and follow the instructions on your Checklist. The deadlines are especially important because they have been set up to coincide with University of Munich deadlines for matriculation.

TWO OFFICIAL COPIES OF YOUR TRANSCRIPT
Due by June 1st (or as soon as grades are available for current semester).
These transcripts are submitted to the University of Munich with your admission papers. Student copies are not acceptable. We must have two official copies of your transcript from each college you have attended showing grades for all course work completed to date. Paper or electronic PDF transcripts are acceptable (if electronic, email to JYM@wayne.edu). The transcript sent with your application is not adequate since it does not show second semester grades for this academic year. Your transcript must verify that you have reached junior standing and completed two years of college level German or the equivalent in order for you to be matriculated at the University. If you are taking coursework this summer in order to meet these requirements, please notify this office now so that special arrangements can be made for your matriculation in Munich. Do not delay the sending of the two transcripts we need by June 1st that will show all coursework to date if you are taking summer courses. We will forward these transcripts to Munich, and alert them that a second set of transcripts will be coming that will show summer courses and grades.

Please send all items on the Checklist by email as individual attachments by June 1st to Louise Speed: l.speed@wayne.edu

ADMISSION FORM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MUNICH (Antrag auf Zulassung zum Studium) Please carefully follow the line-by-line instructions to complete this form

APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCY PERMIT
Please use the German system of writing dates (day/month/year) throughout the Application to avoid confusion. The passport information is very important: if your passport expires before October 2018, apply for a new one now (see page 7). Your passport must be valid for at least three months beyond the end date of the program. If you don't have your passport by June 1st, return the Application form leaving that section blank, and send us the copy of your
passport as soon as you receive it. Please fill out the form even if you have German or E.U. citizenship and won’t need a permit because the information is used for other purposes too. Use your German/E.U. passport information.

ONE COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT
Please scan (or take a photo of) the first double-page that has your signature, photo and passport number on it. The copy must be legible and your photo identifiable. While you are doing this, save an extra copy on your computer for yourself. This will be a huge help in getting a new one if you should lose your passport while you are abroad. Don’t forget to SIGN your passport as soon as you receive it so it is validated!

IMPORTANT: Please note that while your residency permit is being processed, you will not have your passport. For this reason, do not arrange any travel outside Germany during the first three weeks of the program.

ONE DIGITAL PHOTO
One 2” x 2” passport-type digital color photo of your head and shoulders against a white background. Please look at your passport photo too see what it should look like, but it does not have to be the same photo as your passport. “Selfies” taken with your phone are acceptable. We will print out copies as we need them. A lot of bureaucratic work is done for you ahead of your arrival, and the photos are used for your transportation pass, your residency permit, your student University I.D. card, your health insurance, etc.

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM – Signed and dated

HEALTH INFORMATION FORM – Signed and dated

PERMANENT U.S. ADDRESS AND ADDRESS CHANGES
If you have not given us a U.S. address where we will be able to contact you after your return from Germany, please send this to us. If your home address/phone changes during the year you are in Munich, please notify the Detroit Office in case we need to contact your parents while you are abroad or you after your return.
PASSPORT
You must have a passport that is valid for at least three months beyond the end date of the program, with at least two blank pages available. If your current passport expires before the end of October 2018, APPLY FOR A NEW ONE NOW. Your residency permit, which you will obtain in Germany, covers two full pages of your passport and cannot be applied over any previous stamps.

Passport applications and instructions can also be downloaded from the State Department Web Site: travel.state.gov First-time applications must be presented in person at a passport agency; the State Department website allows you to search by zip code for a list of locations nearest you where you can submit your application. Don't sign the form in advance because you need to do this in front of the agency official. If your passport agent requests your address in Europe, use the JYM office address given below:

   c/o Junior Year in Munich  
   Richard-Wagner-Strasse 27  
   80333 Munich, Germany

You should plan on at least four to six weeks processing time. As soon as you obtain your passport, please send/email us a copy, as indicated on your Checklist.

**TIP:** The State Department Web Site has a lot of other useful information specifically for students studying abroad: http://studentsabroad.state.gov/

**TIP:** We strongly suggest that you keep a copy of the first page of your passport for yourself—you have to scan it for us anyway (see Checklist). If your passport should be lost or stolen, it is much easier to get a new one with the information on the copy of the old one.
VISAS/RESIDENCE PERMIT

At the time of this publication (March 2017), U.S. citizens do not need a visa to enter Germany and no inoculations of any kind are required. We will keep you informed if there are any changes to the visa policy later this summer. Your U.S. passport allows you to enter Germany and stay up to 90 days; the German government allows U.S. citizens (and some other countries, see below) to apply for their residence permit after arrival in Germany so that you can stay beyond the 90 days. JYM will arrange for all students to obtain their German residence permit after checking in with the Program.

IMPORTANT: If you are leaving for Europe early and will be anywhere in the E.U. for more than 90 days before the JYM program begins, you MUST arrange for your own residence permit in the city in which you first reside. The JYM will not be able to help you with this. Be aware that it is a big hassle to try to get your own residence permit unless you have an internship-type employer, an educational institution, or some other entity who will be sponsoring you. You are highly unlikely to be granted a permit just to “hang out” in Europe. The immigration authorities will count each and every day beginning with the first day you arrived in any E.U. country, and if you are over 90 days, you will be fined and possibly jeopardize your eligibility to stay in Germany. Remember that it may take about 2-3 weeks to receive your Permit through the JYM, so you must take that time into consideration also. For these reasons, we strongly recommend that you do not leave for Europe more than 90 days ahead.

All students should note that because it takes 2-3 weeks to receive your Permit through the JYM, during which time you will not have your passport, you should not arrange to travel outside Germany during the first three weeks of the program.

NON-U.S. CITIZENS

(If you are a citizen of any E.U. country, or Australia, Canada, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, or the U.S., you may apply for a residence permit after entering Germany without a visa. The JYM will arrange for your residence permit after your arrival in Munich.)

Non-U.S. citizens, including Permanent Residents (“Green Card” holders) are responsible for obtaining all necessary documentation to enter Germany, specifically an entry visa and/or a temporary residence permit in the form of a visa. No third party, including the JYM, can do this for you. For more detailed information, please refer to the information sheets for Non-U.S. Citizens included in your acceptance packet.

NOTE: The Junior Year in Munich CANNOT GUARANTEE that non-U.S. citizens will be able to obtain a visa for Germany.
PERMANENT RESIDENTS (“Green Card” holders, or Resident Aliens) only: Please note that if you are a Permanent Resident and leave the United States for more than 365 days, you may have difficulty reentering the country. If you are going abroad early or staying later, you should apply in advance for a “Re-entry Permit” from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (www.uscis.gov Form I-131). This allows you to be away from the U.S. for up to two years and serves as an entry document when you return.

DUAL CITIZENSHIP
If you hold dual citizenship for the U.S. and Germany (or other EU country), please state only your U.S. citizenship on the university admissions form (“Antrag auf Zulassung zum Studium”) to avoid any confusion at the University of Munich’s Admission Office. However, you should list both citizenships on any other forms. Be sure to bring both passports with you and make sure they are both valid until at least October 2018.

EURAILPASS/STUDENT RAILPASS
Eurailpasses may be ordered online from www.eurail.com/eurail-passes (not available to E.U. citizens or European residents). There are a number of different rail pass options available depending on your travel needs and your age. In most cases, however, we recommend waiting until you get to Germany to get a pass because there is usually no way to know in advance when you will be travelling during the year.

If you do not wish to purchase a travel pass until the semester break, you should also investigate Interrail, the equivalent for European students, once you are in Germany. Past students report that the cost and benefits can be more advantageous than Eurail.

TIP: In addition to Interrail, the German rail system Deutsche Bahn offers a number of other rail pass options for students. Check out their Web site at: http://www.bahn.de
HOUSING AND FACILITIES

DORMITORY ROOM ASSIGNMENTS
The Junior Year in Munich leases rooms in the University Studentenstadt (student village) which is a campus of dormitory buildings of various sizes. The Studentenstadt is about 10 minutes by U-Bahn from the University, and about 30 minutes from the JYM office and classrooms. By bike, it takes about 20 minutes to the JYM and 10 minutes to the University. The dorm room assignments and addresses are included in the Orientation schedule which is emailed to students from our Munich office a couple of weeks before arrival. The Detroit office does not receive room assignment information in advance.

Students must vacate their dorm room by July 31st because they are used by the LMU for their summer programs. Dorm rooms must be left properly cleaned and completely empty (except for bedclothes) upon checking out. Students will be billed for any repairs or cleaning necessary and a hold placed on their transcript until the bill is paid. Students will be asked to complete an inventory of the condition of their room on arrival. Be sure to take this seriously so that you will not be assessed for damages for which you are not responsible.

The rooms themselves are small efficiency apartments: a single unit for one person that has its own bathroom, cooking facility, sink for washing dishes, refrigerator, and Ethernet connection (see also Internet Access, p.15). Each floor usually has a community room which contains an oven, a TV, and similar items. Students usually prepare their own meals in the evening and although students cook in their own room, it is normal practice to bring breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee and tea into the community room, to eat together with their floormates. Students most often eat lunch at one of the two Mensas, the student cafeterias, which are centrally located at the University. The Mensa offers lunch (including vegetarian and vegan options) at specified hours on weekdays at extremely reasonable rates (€ 3-4). The Mensa does not offer dinner, however.

PLEASE NOTE: Except for furniture and bedclothes, the dorm rooms are empty when you arrive, so you will need to purchase some basic kitchenware and other supplies for your room (see also Baggage & Shipping).
BEDLINEN / TOWELS

The Studentenwerk (dorm authority) provides all rooms with basic bedding consisting of a sleeping bag, a pillow, and a mattress cover. The sleeping bag is machine washable and one advantage is that you can take it with you when you travel. Some students use the sleeping bag for the entire year, but if you prefer to buy additional bedlinen and/or blankets there are lots of inexpensive places to do so. Towels are NOT provided, so bring at least one towel and washcloth.

MAIL, PHONES AND E-MAIL

(Please let your parents and friends know this information also)

MAIL

Your permanent address in Germany, which should be used all year, is:

Your Name
c/o Junior Year in Munich
Richard-Wagner-Strasse 27
80333 Munich, Germany

(Students will learn their dormitory addresses after their arrival in Germany.)

Note that the US Postal Service has extensive information on their website for mailing items internationally: www.usps.com. The following is the basic information:

Regular mail should be sent to you by First Class Mail International which takes 6 to 10 days to arrive. German postal regulations forbid the mailing of cash in letters. It is recommended that important or valuable items be sent to you in care of the Junior Year office via Federal Express or UPS or DHL which have tracking functions, rather than by USPS. Parents should be careful not to send any items which require a signature upon delivery to the JY office during periods when the office is closed and there would not be anyone there to sign for it, e.g., the Easter/Christmas holidays. All students will be notified in advance about office closings.

Sending packages from the States is extremely expensive. Rather than sending you stuff from the U.S., parents and friends can make good use of the German-based online vendors such as www.amazon.de and www.ikea.de (do not use the .com suffix!). Goods bought from German-based stores avoid huge overseas mailing charges, and you can pay with your normal U.S.
credit card (the Euro cost is exchanged into Dollars on your statement). Remember that unusual foreign online purchases send a red “fraud” flag to the credit card company, so it is a good idea to phone customer service before you order so they know what you are doing and can put a note on your account. You can have such purchases sent to the JYM office address (p.3) where they will hold them for you.

**IMPORTANT TIP:** Parents and friends should be aware when sending packages from the U.S. that gifts which have a stated value, or insured value, of more than €45 ($50) are subject to a €15 “processing fee” PLUS import duty of about 30% of the package’s value by the European customs offices. The duty on such packages can be well in excess of the value of the contents. Do not attempt to send any type of computer or electronic equipment through the mail because the surcharges and import duty are prohibitive.

**IMPORTANT:** Medicines or prescription drugs can NOT be sent through the mail. See also "Health and Health Insurance." Certain foodstuffs such as dairy products, including dry products like Macaroni & Cheese, any type of meat, and fresh produce are also prohibited, so if in any doubt check with the Post Office first.
PHONES / PHONING / INTERNET ACCESS

Land lines: Students can have private telephones installed in their rooms for approximately €50 plus a €10 monthly fee plus the cost of individual calls. You should expect a waiting period of several weeks to have a phone line activated. There are many calling card and “prefix” plans available that make it cheap to call the U.S. However, it is a bit of a hassle to have a phone installed and requires that you open a bank account for the bills to be paid from. Nevertheless, if you expect to make and receive a lot of calls to/from the U.S., this is likely to be a cheaper option than international cell phones.

SKYPE (Voice Over Internet Protocol): If both you and your parents/friends have computers, you can take advantage of internet calling. Most recent students now use Skype (www.skype.com) which is a free service for international calls if used between two computers, both with Skype software. They also have paying plans to connect from a computer to a land line or mobile phone. This is certainly the least expensive way to call home.

Cell phones: (Cell phone information adapted from Rick Steves’ Europe. Full article available at: www.ricksteves.com/plan/tips/cell-phone-europe.htm)

You basically have two options regarding mobile-phones while you are abroad: Take your American phone with you if it will work in Europe, or buy a new phone before you go or after you arrive. First, you need to figure out if your own cell phone will work in Europe. Europe uses GSM technology for their mobile-phone network. You can call your phone provider to ask them, or check your operating manual (look for “tri-band” or “quad-band” which signifies GSM technology).

If your American phone will work in Europe, you should be sure to check on rates and international calling/texting plans, and data-roaming rates for smartphones. These can be very expensive so normally the best solution is to first ask your phone provider for the code to “unlock” your phone so you can switch out the SIM card for a European one when you get there. This will give you much better, local rates.

If your American phone won’t work in Europe, buy a new phone over here beforehand or when you get to Munich. You can buy an unlocked GSM quadband phone from Amazon and fit it with a Germany SIM card loaded from a provider such as Lebara.com. Alternatively, it is easy and inexpensive to buy a basic “pay as you go” phone in Europe. This is a good option so you do not have to purchase a two-year contract. Most phones come loaded with prepaid calling time and additional minutes are easy to buy. If you plan on travelling to multiple countries, make
sure you buy an “unlocked” phone so you can change SIM cards as you enter a different country. Such phones are a bit more expensive but much more versatile.

There are many calling cards on the market in Germany which offer good rates on local and international calls. “Telefonkarten” can be purchased at the Hauptbahnhof in Munich and a number of other convenient places. More information will be available to you in Munich.

HOW TO PHONE

Please note that Germany is six hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time, so if your parents call the JYM office later than 11:00 am EST (8:00 am Pacific), it will be after 5:00 pm in Munich.

To telephone the office in Munich from within the Munich area dial:
52302636

To telephone the JYM office in Munich from within Germany, dial:
089 52302636

To call the U.S. from Germany, dial:
00+1+(area code)+number

To telephone the JYM office in Munich from the U.S. dial:
011 49 89 52302636
(011 = international code; 49 = Germany; 89 = Munich; 52302636 = JY office number)

To telephone a student’s cell phone number from the U.S., you do not use the (89) Munich area code, but rather the cell phone “area” code, e.g. 011 49 179 1957330

JYM/Munich e-mail address: junioryear@LRZ.uni-muenchen.de
INTERNET ACCESS
All rooms in the Studentenstadt are wired for Ethernet internet access, but are not WiFi ready. Many students purchase or bring their own routers to set up WiFi in their rooms so that smartphones and tablets will work. Each building in the StuStadt has one or two excellent and friendly tech support people who can quickly help with any set up problems. The JYM institute is set up for WiFi access also. The JYM institute also has limited computer access for students, and there are Internet cafes and WiFi spots all over Munich.

➤ MONEY MATTERS

THE EURO
The current exchange rate (April 2017) for U.S. Dollars/Euro is:
US $ 1.00 = EU € .93
EU € 1.00 = US $ 1.07
So, if you have $500 and want to convert it into Euro, either multiply by .93 or divide by 1.07 (€466). It is quite likely that this exchange rate will change over the course of the next few months, so you should check this before purchasing any Euro (see below). There is a currency converter for today’s exchange rate at: www.x-rates.com

MONTHLY LIVING EXPENSES
Living expenses in the first month will be higher than in other months because of the many items and supplies you will need for your room, as well as school books and supplies, but also because some time is needed to find the most economical lifestyle. You should plan on needing an average of €600 per month (approx. $640). The amount that a student will spend is an individual matter, so students will tend to adjust this amount depending on their own particular lifestyles and resources. Extensive travel, eating in restaurants, and entertainment will add to basic expenses, so students will need to monitor the amount of money spent on these items in order not to overspend their budgets. Please remember that €600 is not intended to cover extensive vacation travel or major purchases. Students and parents must also bear in mind that because of the instability of the exchange rate, it is impossible to quote a firm dollar figure for the monthly living allocation. We recommend that students have available the equivalent of the suggested €600 monthly, regardless of the corresponding dollar amount, which, in the course of the year, may go up or down.
YOUR ARRIVAL AND FIRST MONTH
When you first arrive in Munich you will need some cash for immediate needs while you get settled in. In general, we recommend that you use an ATM debit card to withdraw cash as you need it. ATM machines can be found at the airport and throughout Munich (see more information on debit cards below). However, for immediate purposes after arrival it is a good idea to have approximately €200 in cash in Euro with you just in case your ATM card does not work for some reason, or you don’t have immediate access to an ATM machine. Euro can be purchased at most large banks in the U.S., although you may have to order them in advance. You could also exchange some Dollars at a “Bureau de Change” kiosk at the airport before you depart for Munich, or after you arrive in Munich.

NOTE: Students should be prepared to pay the one time fee (cash or credit card) for their MVV “Semesterticket” for the U-Bahn and S-Bahn which is good for an entire semester. The Semesterticket allows for unlimited rides on the entire subway system 24/7. The fee was €189 last year but may increase by Fall 2017.

RECEIVING MONEY IN MUNICH
As indicated above, the most common and least costly method of receiving funds in Munich is by ATM Debit Card. However, please read carefully the information below to make sure that your debit card will work in Europe. There are other methods for receiving funds but they require that you open a bank account in Munich which you may find useful or necessary, depending on your circumstances. Our office in Munich will assist students to open a bank account upon arrival if they wish.

ATM DEBIT CARDS:
Debit cards allow you to withdraw money directly from your stateside checking account with only minimum ATM fees, no interest, no cash advance or other fees and at a very good exchange rate. This is useful for students who have their own Stateside checking accounts, and for parents who can deposit money into the account in the U.S.

Before you leave for Munich:
- make sure your debit card has the Plus or Cirrus, or Mastercard or Visa, sign on it.
- make sure your money is in a Checking account; you cannot withdraw funds from a Savings account when you are abroad.
➢ contact your bank to confirm that your card will work in Europe (call the Customer Service number on the back of your card). Also check with your bank as to the daily limits on the amount you can withdraw.

➢ alert your bank that you'll be making ATM withdrawals in Europe — otherwise, the bank might block your account if it detects what it perceives as unusual spending patterns.

➢ make sure your PIN is a numeric four-digit PIN; if it is longer than four digits, you will need to request a new four-digit PIN.

➢ make sure that someone in the U.S. (e.g. your parents) has a photocopy of your card, knows the number to call if your card is lost or stolen, and knows your PIN

➢ test your ATM debit cards before leaving the U.S. to make sure they work

Other notes about using ATMs:

➢ although you will receive Euros from the ATM machines, the amount withdrawn will be charged in U.S. dollars against your checking account, so you will want to monitor your checking account balance on a regular basis

➢ please note also that many ATMs in Germany do not print out a receipt when you withdraw money, so you will want to keep your own record of your transactions

CREDIT CARDS

Credit cards, such as Visa, Mastercard, and American Express, may reduce your anxiety about handling sudden expenses. They are also very useful for travelling outside Germany. However, cash advances on credit cards may have fees assessed on top of the high interest rates. Look for cards which specify "No cash advance fees." Please note that Visa and Mastercard are the most commonly accepted credit cards; American Express less so. In general, credit cards are not as widely used in stores and restaurants in Germany as they are in the States and most people pay in cash. All credit cards in Europe now use “Chip & Pin” security technology, so if yours does not have that, you won’t be able to use it in self-service machines like at train stations and will need to have a human process the transaction for you.
GERMAN HEALTH INSURANCE

The German government and the LMU München require all students to be enrolled in a statutory insurance plan for students from the date of arrival. The LMU München will accept no other coverage. The cost of this insurance for the semester is included in the program fees and the JYM arranges for your coverage ahead of your arrival. The coverage is fully comprehensive (i.e. it is not “tourist” or traveller’s insurance but full health care coverage) and includes non-cosmetic dental care and non-cosmetic eye care. However, since the German insurance does not cover you in the U.S., it is not recommended that your parents remove you from their policy. Coverage always starts on the first business day of the month in which the semester begins, so in 2016 that is October 2nd. For the few days of orientation that are in September you will be covered by the iNext insurance (see below). There is further information on, and a link to, the insurance company (Technische Krankenkasse, TKK) on our website under “Health and Safety.” You will get full information on using the German health system upon your arrival in Munich.

NOTE: Coverage through JYM begins on September 27th, 2017 and ends on July 14th, 2018 so if you plan to travel to Europe earlier and/or stay later beyond those dates, you should obtain your own insurance coverage before the beginning and/or after the end of the program.

Additional insurance: Part of your insurance package for the JYM program includes supplementary travel insurance through a company called iNext. This insurance is in addition to the comprehensive German health insurance that you will be covered by at the start of the semester. iNext insurance covers stuff that the German health insurance does not: emergency medical evacuation, coverage in non-EU countries, private mental health benefits, repatriation of remains, and coverage for the few days of orientation before the German insurance begins. There is no additional charge for this insurance. However, you will have the option of upgrading the iNext insurance at your own expense to include Trip Cancellation or Interruption coverage. We highly recommend this upgrade which adds coverage for unreimbursed expenses (such as non-refundable airfare) arising from a covered reason, including illness and accident, the same for an immediate family member, weather events, etc. You will be sent further information on registering for the iNext insurance and the optional upgrade.
Students **over 30 years old** are not eligible for student insurance and must purchase private insurance. Since applying for private insurance is more complicated administratively, our Munich office will assist you in obtaining it after your arrival.

**MEDICINES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS / DOCTORS**

If you take medicine on a regular basis, try to take with you enough supplies to last you for a couple of months or so. Note that pharmacies in Germany cannot fill prescriptions that are written by doctors in the United States. You should ask your U.S. physician for a legible written prescription and a note from him/her indicating your condition, the name of the medication you take, and the dosage. A doctor in Germany can then help you identify the equivalent product and write a German prescription for it. Almost all drugs available in the U.S. have an equivalent in Germany. The JYM can direct you to a doctor who is familiar with our students and such requests.

**IMPORTANT:** However, you must bear in mind that a German doctor will not simply prescribe powerful medication without having first seen the patient and conducted his/her own diagnosis. This can't be arranged in advance. The fact is that if a student needs medical help, physical or mental, while in Germany, they naturally fall under the auspices of the German medical professionals who will conduct their own evaluation and diagnoses. In short, it will be German treatment by German doctors within the German health system, and it may or may not be the same as back home.

Do NOT have medicines or drugs of any kind sent to you through the mail, including non-prescription drugs like aspirin--this is a Federal offense both in the U.S. and Germany. If you have a favorite brand of non-prescription medicines (e.g. Tylenol), bring some with you since you may not find the same brands in Germany.

The JYM office in Munich maintains a list of English-speaking doctors in any specialty. Students will be given any help they may need in finding an appropriate physician.
CLOTHING
The temperature in Munich can get down to around 20 - 30°F in the winter. (Temperature is measured in Centigrade in Europe, so you might want to familiarize yourself with it in advance). It tends to be a "damp" cold, without the lengthy bitter cold periods that occur in the mid-West of the US. There is some snow in the city itself and a lot in the mountains. It rains a lot and warm winter clothing and an overcoat and raingear are essential, and particularly bike gear if you expect to buy a bicycle. Something suitable for an occasional somewhat formal event will be useful. For women: bring shoes that you can walk effectively in (forget flip flops!) — walking is a way of life in Germany and you will be doing a lot of it. Decide what you would like to take with you, then divide it in half—that'll be all you need. Not only is your room very small, but remember that you have to bring everything back, too, and you'll most likely acquire quite a few clothing items in Germany. It gets expensive to ship a lot of things home.

HIKING BOOTS/SHOES
There is plenty of opportunity for fabulous hiking in Bavaria and beyond. If you enjoy hiking, be sure to bring appropriate clothing and it’s worth investing in some real hiking shoes or boots. Soft-soled sneaker type shoes are completely inadequate for mountain hikes. If you buy new hiking boots or shoes to take with you, be sure to break them in before you leave!

PERSONAL PRODUCTS & ITEMS FOR YOUR ROOM
Arriving in a new city is stressful enough without having to worry about immediately finding equivalents to your customary personal hygiene and grooming products. Take some supplies of your favorites with you to last for a month or so which will give you time to find similar products.

Basic bedclothes are provided by the dormitory authority (Studentenwerk). However, towels and washcloths are not provided so bring at least one of each (see also p.12). **Be aware that except for furniture and bedlinen, the dorm rooms are empty when you arrive**, so you will most likely need to purchase some basic kitchenware and other supplies for your room. Rather than taking up space in your luggage, it is probably easier and usually more cost-effective to plan on buying the few items that you will need after your arrival. However, if you have any favorite items like cookbooks or American measuring cups, by all means bring them along.
BICYCLES / SKIS / MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Students can obtain information from their airline (see Excess Baggage below) regarding special instructions and additional costs for transporting skis, musical instruments, a bicycle, or any other bulky items. Used bicycles are easily available in Munich and can be sold again at the end of the year. This is preferable to bringing your own which will probably cost more to transport in excess baggage fees or freight charges than buying a second-hand one in Munich. We do encourage students to bring musical instruments and other performing equipment since there are many opportunities to join groups in the performing arts. Also, if you rollerblade/skate, ice skate, or ski, be sure to bring these along because you'll find ample opportunity to use them (but check with the airline on fees and regulations for transporting skis).

COMPUTERS

We highly recommend that you bring a portable computer if possible since you will find it just as useful as you do at home. You can take it as the one piece of carry-on luggage that you are allowed on the flight. Ethernet connections are installed in all the Studentenstadt rooms so you can have e-mail and internet access right away. You can also get WiFi in the rooms if you purchase a router so smartphones and tablets will work. Each StuStadt building has one or two very helpful tech support people who can help with any set up problems. The JYM institute (offices, classrooms, lounge, and library) is also set up for WiFi so you can access the internet with your computer or smartphone.

Make sure your computer has an Ethernet networking card as well as a wireless card. Be sure to take with you the Ethernet cable which should be supplied if your computer has a networking card. The right kind of plug adapter that plugs into the wall can be easily purchased from Amazon beforehand or at Hertie or Kaufhof or computer stores in Munich.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

Electrical appliances will generally not be useful unless you take along a power converter as well as plug adapters. These kits are available at department stores, or Amazon, for approximately $20.00. If you wish to take such items as a hair dryer or electric razor, you should purchase one that is adaptable to 220V current. However, you should be aware that using adapters and converters for electrical items is not really satisfactory for an entire year's usage, and you might consider waiting to buy these in Germany.
BAGGAGE
Each airline has its own rules for baggage allowances, and many of them now charge fees for more than one suitcase. Some make exceptions for international flights, some not. Since the rules for fees are constantly changing these days, you should visit your airline’s website for the most up-to-date information on baggage fees as well as weight and dimension specifications. Some airlines are very picky about specifications for carry-on items, especially on international flights, so make sure you are within the limits. Before shipping anything we suggest you also check into and compare the rates for taking an extra suitcase with you on your transatlantic flight, since it may be more economical to simply pay the excess baggage charge.

AIR FREIGHT
You can arrange for Air Freight to Munich through any convenient airline. This method has proven cheaper than International UPS. You will, however, have to pick up your package from the Munich airport.

➢ OTHER INFORMATION

ORIENTATION PERIOD ATTENDANCE
The orientation program is an integral component of the JYM and attendance is mandatory. Some days are free during Orientation, but students should not plan on travelling outside Germany because they will not have their passports for the first 2-3 weeks while their residency permits are being processed. The JYM observes legal German holidays and classes are not held on those days. The Munich office will e-mail the Orientation Schedule to participants as soon as it is available in late summer.

COURSE REGISTRATION
You cannot register for classes until you arrive in Munich, but you should familiarize yourself with the University of Munich online Vorlesungsverzeichnis ("LSF Online Portal") in advance of your arrival if you plan to take courses at the LMU. Our website has instructions on how to navigate course options in the Online Portal. We will notify you when the Wintersemester class schedule comes into view. You will need to act quickly during orientation to meet registration deadlines at the various departments of
the LMU and this will be much easier if you have an idea of the courses you want to sign up for. Be aware that there is no central registration system at the LMU and each department can have a different method of signing up for courses. The JYM holds special workshops on how to pick and sign up for courses and it is extremely important that you pay close attention to the information. If you don’t understand something, always ask – that’s what we’re there for!

TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES
JYM grade reports are produced at the end of each semester in Munich, and sent to Wayne State to be posted to an official WSU transcript. You are responsible for ordering a copy of your JYM transcript through your Wayne State Academica account to be sent to your home school at the end of each semester. You should check with your study abroad office as to where it should be sent. Since transcripts are ordered online, you can easily do this from Munich. Transcripts for the first semester are usually available in mid-March, and for the second semester in late August. A hold will be put on your transcript until any bill for room damages or cleaning has been paid (see page 11).

Your JYM transcript is held permanently on record at Wayne State and you can order official transcripts any time in the future that you need one. You will most certainly need to do so if you apply to graduate or professional schools later. Remember to keep your Wayne State ID somewhere safe so that you can order transcripts whenever you need them.

Because the U.S. system of grades and credits is largely unknown at German universities, grades for university courses can often be delayed unless the student has taken every possible step to ensure that the instructor realizes the urgency for submitting a timely grade. Explicit instructions for obtaining a "Schein" (grade report) from University instructors will be given to you in Munich. If you do not follow these instructions, it may be months before you receive a grade for University coursework. (German professors tend to disappear after the end of the semester and not return until mid-October when the next academic year begins.)
SAFETY ABROAD
Although Munich is statistically far safer than almost all U.S. cities, students should be aware that all large cities suffer from some degree of common crime, particularly theft and pickpocketing. In fact, because Munich "feels" so safe, you may find that you let your guard down in a way that you never would back home. With the co-operation of the local Munich police, the JYM office provides a good deal of specific information and tips on local safety during the orientation period. Please read the enclosed separate information on Safety Tips and Advice which addresses student safety while in Germany and when travelling to other countries.

JYM WEBSITE
Please note that a PDF of this Information Bulletin is available on our website for your convenience and we encourage you to forward the link to your parents or friends so they have access to the information—you never know, they might want find out how to get money to you 😊

www.jym.wayne.edu  Click on: ADMITTED STUDENTS link.
BOOKING FLIGHTS, ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN INFORMATION, SEMESTER SCHEDULE

JYM SCHEDULE AND UNIVERSITY CALENDAR
Some minor variations in the dates below can be expected

Check in dates Tuesday, September 26 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm) OR
the morning of Wednesday, September 27
(9:00 am – 12:00)
Orientation period begins September 27, 2017, in the afternoon
First Semester (Wintersemester) October 16, 2017 – February 11, 2018
Semester break February 12, 2018 – April 8, 2018
Second Semester (Sommersemester) April 9, 2018 – July 14, 2018
End of 2017-18 program July 14, 2018

Students must vacate their rooms by July 31\textsuperscript{st}, 2018.
There is a short Christmas break from December 23, 2017, through January 7, 2018. The JYM office in Munich closes for Easter and all German national holidays. The JYM observes legal German holidays and classes are not held on those days.

BOOKING YOUR FLIGHT TO AND FROM MUNICH

**Arrival & Check-in dates:** Tuesday, September 26\textsuperscript{th} (9:00 am – 4:00 pm) or
Wednesday, September 27\textsuperscript{th} (9:00 am – 12:00 noon)

Flights from the U.S. arrive the next day in Germany, so if you are not leaving for Europe earlier than the start of the program you should book your flight for Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} or Tuesday 26\textsuperscript{th} so you arrive on either September 26\textsuperscript{th} or 27\textsuperscript{th}. These are the ONLY DATES on which you can arrive at the JYM and be checked into your dorm room.

**Suggested return dates:** July 19\textsuperscript{th}, 20\textsuperscript{th} or 21\textsuperscript{st}.

The program ends on July 14\textsuperscript{th}, 2018, and we suggest booking your return flight a day or two later to give yourself time to pack up and clear your room but you can leave earlier or later as it suits you. Please note, however, that you cannot stay in your room past July 31\textsuperscript{st} because the rooms are turned over to the Studentenwerk for the LMU summer school.
BOOKING FLIGHTS

Book your flight for Monday 25th or Tuesday 26th September if you are not leaving for Europe earlier than the start of the program. When researching flights, we highly recommend that you look into the Lufthansa student flights program (GenerationFly) at: https://generationfly.com

Lufthansa offers student flights that are valid for a 12 month stay abroad, plus one free date change (this is a big plus—see paragraph below about booking your return more than one year in advance). You can also research flights through the major travel sites such as www.travelocity.com or www.orbitz.com, or through a local travel agent, and/or through the airlines' own websites. You can also check into the student-oriented travel sites such as www.studentuniverse.com, www.STATravel.com, and www.cheaptickets.com. However, you should be aware that these discount agencies are consolidators (they buy tickets in bulk and resell them) so you do not get the same level of service if anything goes wrong that you get when you buy a ticket from the airline itself. They also usually have high fees for changes or cancellations, so read the fine print.

CAUTIONS:

>> Do not book a flight both into and out of a country other than Germany because it will look like you intend to stay more than 90 days in that other country. Every E.U. country has its own rules for residency permits for non-E.U. citizens and you may not be allowed on the plane if you do not have the requisite documentation.

>> Do not book a flight which transits in another E.U. country on your way to Germany, e.g. Boston – Paris – Munich. To avoid complications related to the Schengen Agreement, it is best to book a flight that connects in another U.S. city, or Canada, or a non-Schengen country including Britain. (Connecting within Germany is fine, however.) The following is from the State Department travel guidelines:

“Travelers have also been delayed or refused entry to the Schengen zone for lacking an onward non-tourism visa for their stay in another country - even if the appropriate visa is available upon arrival in the traveler’s final Schengen country. If you are denied boarding for either of these reasons, you will need sufficient funds and a return airline ticket or an itinerary that does not require entry into the Schengen zone.”

RETURN FLIGHTS

Note that the airlines will not let you book a return flight more than 336 days in advance so if you are booking your outbound flight in, say, June 2017, you won't be able to book a return for July 2018. So, you have the following options:
1. Book a flight with a “dummy” return date, say, mid-March, then change the date later when July comes into range. Most airlines will charge a “change fee” for this anywhere between $50-$250, so make sure you know the rules and regulations before booking (this is why the one-change-for-free with Lufthansa’s GenerationFly program is a good idea). Just don’t forget to change the date to a July return well before the “dummy” that you first booked!!

2. Alternatively, you can book a one-way ticket and book the return later in the year from Germany. Be aware that a one-way ticket looks a bit odd to the airline personnel and immigration officials, so if possible print out something from your travel agent or airline that indicates you cannot book a July return that far in advance. Also take with you this JYM Information Bulletin and your acceptance letter to the program to show that you will be studying in Munich.

For both options 1. and 2. we will also send you documentation that you should take to the airport with you showing that U.S. citizens are allowed to apply for their residency permits after arrival in Germany.

Once you have scheduled your flight, please let Louise Speed know your flight schedule and arrival information so we know who is arriving when and will have your room keys available.

ARRIVING IN MUNICH AND CHECKING IN WITH JYM

TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM), OR THE MORNING OF
WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER (9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON)

When you arrive in Munich, you should proceed directly to the Junior Year in Munich. You will check in with our office staff, pick up your room keys and get initial instructions and information. The address and directions to JYM from the airport are given below and more explicit directions will be sent by email close to the departure date. You can arrive at the Junior Year office and be checked into your dorm room ONLY on the above dates during the hours stated above. If you cannot arrive at the JYM office between these hours, there will not be anyone in the office when you arrive and you should be prepared to make overnight accommodations.

If you arrive in Munich before September 26th, or after the above check-in times, you will have to make your own overnight accommodation arrangements at a youth hostel or pension. The Junior Year in Munich office will not be able to help you with this.
DIRECTIONS FROM MUNICH AIRPORT TO THE JYM OFFICE,

RICHARD-WAGNER-STR. 27

(You will be sent more detailed directions by email before departure.)

Take the S8 subway train right from the airport to Hauptbahnhof. Change at Hauptbahnhof on to the U2 (Red Line) going north to Königsplatz (one stop). Exit at the front of the train and take the escalator up one floor. Take the "Briennerstrasse" exit on your left; look to your right when you reach the surface and you will see a crosswalk. Cross Briennerstrasse there, then walk to your left until you reach Richard-Wagner-Strasse. Turn right on to Richard-Wagner-Strasse and follow the street until you reach Gabelsbergerstrasse. The entrance to JYM is actually around the corner on Gabelsbergerstrasse.

If you have a lot of heavy luggage, you could take a taxi from Hauptbahnof, or even from the airport, instead.