



KSU German Studies Program: Call for Applications: 2024-2025

Contact us if you want to study or work abroad in Germany, and get KSU course credit!! Please review the opportunities here and at kennesaw.de and submit the form below to ssmith2@kennesaw.edu. Please note the various submission deadlines.

Category A: Study-Work Abroad in German-Speaking Cultures

1. University Paderborn (UPB) funded “Work and Study abroad”: end-Aug through end-Jan and/or end-Feb through end-July

Semester-long stay at UPB, co-sponsored by KSU (1/3 of airfare etc.), The Halle Foundation (\$3,500/ea) and UPB (optional employment and salary as TA @ \$ 400/month). You take a month-long intensive German language-culture course (Sep. and/or Mar.) free of charge; attend classes during the semester and may work as a TA and cultural ambassador for four months (Oct. – Jan. and/or Apr.-Jul) Earn KSU German Studies course credit by submitting work to Dr. Smith. Upper-level German Studies students and German Studies Majors have priority, but application is open to all students. A non-TA option allows students to study at UPB for variable lengths of time. Due Oct. 1 for Spring and Apr.1 for Fall.

2. Grant-funded Internships in Germany “Joachim Herz Foundation Internships”: approx. 5/25 – 7/30 (8 weeks)

Generously supported with a \$ 3,000 stipend to you (and additional in-kind contributions), this opportunity is limited to a total of 8 German Studies students and competitively awarded. Especially for learners interested in advancing professional skills, who will have completed at least two semesters of German prior to departure/start of the virtual internship. Our partners in Germany facilitate 8-week internships with reputable German companies in Hamburg, Berlin, or Bavaria. If travel is an option, we assist with finding housing and completing course credit in KSU GRMN classes (3-9 credits). German Studies Majors and Double Majors have priority, but application is open to all students. Due Dec. 1.

3. Grant-funded Virtual/Actual Maymester Experience “Discover the Heart of Europe”: approx. 5/13 – 5/24; 9 am – 2pm

Limited to a total of 30 KSU students in virtual modality and to 20 KSU students as actual short-term study abroad, this generously grant-funded program is especially for learners who are not yet ready for international travel. Anchored at the European Academy in Otzenhausen, the program introduces topics of general interest to KSU students who join, for several days, students from Spain, Germany, and Russia to explore current issues across cultures. Sessions will be in English. Successful participants will earn 1-3 KSU course credits (tuition not covered by grant) and a certificate from the Academy (a nice resume entry!); program cost for traveling students is \$ 1,750 (without airfare and tuition) and will be supported with \$2,500/each. Open to all students. Due Feb 1.

4. Independent study-/work-away opportunities for German Studies course credit: year-round and summer (4 weeks – 1 year)

Partially grant-funded, this opportunity requires your active involvement in securing placements. We assist by providing resources:

Cultural Vistas offers several fully funded programs that run from 12 weeks to 1 year. Its “Cadillac” program, the Congress-Bundestag

Youth Exchange <http://culturalvistas.org/programs-for-students-and-professionals> is a year-long program, competitively awarded; it includes airfare, cultural orientations, intensive language training, semester-long study at a German university, paid internship, and home stay. Due Nov. 1.

Summer internship programs in Germany are also facilitated and competitively awarded. Due Jan. 5.

WiPdAf Münster offers intensive German language and culture courses at affordable prices and varying lengths of sojourns (approx. EUR 380 /month). Placement test ensures appropriate level of instruction. They also offer housing (EUR 380/month) and social program. Course completion can earn you 1 GRMN course per month, and 10 students will be eligible to receive stipends (\$ 2,500/ea) to offset cost for airfare, housing, and course fees.

<http://www.wipdaf-deutschkurse-muenster.de/english/courses/course-content/dates-prices/>. Due Mar. 1.

Bridgehouse Law AmCham internships are competitively awarded to GA students with an interest/background in business: three-month paid internships (mid-May to mid-August) with German companies (German is not a prerequisite, but helps). You can earn 3-6 GRMN credits while working full-time. <http://www.amchaminternship.org/> Due Nov. 1.

Workaway in Germany is a most affordable option with year-round opportunities all over Germany. You find your own provider and secure your airfare and visa for the stay. Hosts are not screened, but KSU students have participated successfully since 2014. You can earn 3-6 GRMN course credits and are eligible for stipends to offset cost for airfare. <https://www.workaway.info/hostlist-DE.html>. Due Feb 1.

Category B: Domestic Study-Work Away

1. Spring Suitemate and Peer Buddy Experience “Explore Culture with the Germans”: approx. 3/14 – 4/24

Limited to a total of approx. 8 KSU German Studies students, and especially for learners interested in interactive learning/living before venturing to do a study-/work-abroad. The Joachim Herz Foundation co-sponsors the experience for you to share a suite with 2 Germans (free), have engaging encounters via company visits and cultural field trips (all free), and a stipend (approx. \$ 400) for you. You meet approx. 15 visiting professional trainees from Hamburg, Berlin, and Bavaria and serve as conversational partner (in English) and point person for questions a German might have about the US. No German language/culture knowledge necessary. Rolling admission but final deadline Feb. 1.

2. Paid / Unpaid Professional Training Opportunities With Companies and Non-Profit Organizations: Year-Round / Projects

Interested in international business, history, digital humanities, networking to build your post-KSU career? Join us for the co-curricular opportunities that our partnerships offer – from real-world market research to exhibit translations - with transatlantic consulting firm Pegasus Partners, training in digital archiving #everynamecounts and the KSU Museum of History and Holocaust Education, we will find a fit that's right for you! Earn course credit or bonus points, and build your resumé with marketable skills and documented community engagement!

3. Leadership Skills as Career Competencies: Intentional Practice of Communication in Teams

Limited to 6 KSU students, this undergraduate research project explores how intentional practice of communication in teams supports critical leadership skills as career competencies. Student success in navigating project-based teamwork is of great interest to educators and employers. As demographics in local and international work environments diversify, there is need to learn and practice how we communicate with one another to get the job done. Our team/s of undergraduate researchers prepare for transnational opportunities by researching, proposing, and implementing community-based projects. Project completion in teams will demonstrate the value of understanding and practicing critical communication skills as well as career competencies identified by ACTFL and NACE. Interested? Check out the OWLS-CARE website for paid research lab positions!



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Application Form:

(Please send to ssmith2@kennesaw.edu with your resumé and brief letter of intent)

Student name: _____ KSU student ID: _____

Student gender: _____ Student date of birth: _____

Student best phone: _____ Student best email: _____

Student's major(s): _____ Student's concentration(s)/minor(s): _____

Highest level German Studies course completed: GRMN _____ in Fall _ / Spring _ / Summer _ of _____ (Year)

Indicate whether you have ever:

traveled abroad:	No _ Yes _	Where?	Doing what?
held a job	No _ Yes _	Where?	Doing what?
lived on your own (not with parents/caregivers)	No _ Yes _	Where?	With __ (how many ?) roommates?

Indicate the program of choice (please select all that apply):

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_____	4. Grant-funded summer internship at the European Academy in Otzenhausen : approx. Jun. – Aug. (8 weeks); due Dec. 1
_____	5. Independent study-/work-away opportunities for German Studies course credit : year-round (4 weeks – 1 year); due dates vary: Specify the program(s) of interest (please mark all that apply): a. Cultural Vistas b. WiPDaF Münster c. Bridgehouse Law d. Workaway in Germany
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_____	6. Paid/Unpaid Professional Training Opportunities - Companies and Non-Profit Organizations : Year-Round/Projects, due dates vary: Specify the program(s) of interest (please mark all that apply): - Paid international business research for transatlantic consulting firm Pegasus Partners (German and Business skills needed) - Translation support for KSU Museum of History and Holocaust Education (German skills needed) - Digital archiving support for #everynamematters (no German skills needed, but always a plus)
_____	7. Leadership Skills as Career Competencies: Intentional Practice of Communication in Teams : Year-Round/Projects due dates vary: Specify the program(s) of interest (please see the OWLS-CARE website for paid research lab positions):

Please check & attach (both): _____ Letter of Interest (min. 250 words, in English) _____ Resumé (max. 2 pp., in English)

