The Junior Year in Munich (JYM) is America's oldest study abroad program in Germany. When you study in Munich with JYM, you will join students from 35+ colleges and universities across the U.S. at Germany's top-ranked university, in one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Stop by the office and introduce yourself – we want to get to know you!

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The JYM website contains a wealth of information about what you can study in Munich, research projects and internships, where you will live, how to apply and more. You should become familiar with the website and where to find the information you will need.

Also make sure that you . . .

► follow the link to JYM's YouTube channel to learn about the program from the perspective of students who participated in JYM

► explore the "Planning Ahead" section, which includes strongly recommended books and other ways to improve your German language skills before you arrive in Munich

► remember that the Program Fee described on the JYM website is not the fee for Wayne State students; visit Louise Speed in the JYM office for the WSU student program fee
Planning Ahead for your Junior Year in Munich – FAQs

In general, German Majors and Minors are expected to study abroad in Germany. That just makes sense. Nevertheless, you may still have a number of questions:

Should I go for a year or just for a semester?

How will I be able to afford it?

If I go on JYM, won't I miss out on things happening on campus in Detroit?

If I study abroad, won't that delay my graduation?

Fact #1 Nearly 100% of WSU German Majors spend an entire year in Munich.

Fact #2 Nearly every non-WSU student who went on JYM for just one semester wishes in retrospect that s/he had taken the leap and gone for the full year.

Fact #3 The cost for WSU students is an incredible deal. The JYM program fee for WSU students, which includes tuition, housing and health insurance, is LESS than WSU on campus tuition and fees alone.

Fact #4 Thanks to the combined scholarship assistance available from both JYM and the Department of CMLLC, the discounted program fee for WSU students is reduced even further . . .

Fact #5 and students receiving WSU scholarships, e.g. Presidential, University, et. al., may have these applied towards the JYM program fee.

Fact #6 Sorry, you can't be in two places at the same time. While you are relaxing in the English Garden with your new friends, seeing and learning about all sorts of new things in the German language, or just traveling around Europe (anyone up for Paris, Budapest or Venice this weekend?), your friends back in Detroit will be just a click away – and they may even want to visit you! Shouldn't the question be instead: Do you really want to miss out on Munich?

Fact #7 If you study abroad, chances are better that you will graduate on time. A recent study at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities found that 64.5 % of students who studied abroad graduated in four years, compared to 41 % of students who didn't study abroad; the five-year graduate rate was 90 % for those who studied abroad, vs 59 % for those who did not.
Timeline to Apply for Admission to JYM

In some sense, your junior year in Munich actually begins in Detroit in your sophomore year! That's because you will need to start planning for your participation in the JYM program a full year in advance of your arrival in Munich.

Please note that admission to JYM is not automatic. You must apply to JYM, and your application must be reviewed before a decision is made regarding admission to the program. Please also note that the JYM program makes the decisions about admissions, not CMLLC.

Fall Semester of your Sophomore Year

Sept-Nov: Visit the JYM office and meet with Prof. Hock. You must do both.

Read carefully the instructions to the JYM Application and become familiar with what is required to be admitted to the program

If applying for a DAAD Scholarship, prepare your research project proposal and ask a German professor for a letter of recommendation

Winter Semester of your Sophomore Year

Jan-Mar: January: If applying for a DAAD Scholarship, send all applications materials to DAAD so that they arrive in New York before the January 31 deadline

January: Ask a German professor to write a letter of recommendation in support of your application to JYM

January: Ask a German professor to write a letter of recommendation in support of your application for Faulhaber/Concordia and/or JYM Scholarships

February: Complete all application forms and compile all required material

March: Make sure you submit all applications by their deadlines:

March 6    Faulhaber/Concordia Scholarships
March 15    JYM Application for Admission & JYM Scholarship Application
Credit Restrictions while on JYM

The German major consists of 31 credit hours, so 10 courses including GER 2020. (GER 1010, 1020, 2010 do not count towards the major). Be aware that no more than 46 German (GER) credits can count towards the 120 required for the B.A. degree. For example, if you took GER 1010-2010 (12 credits), and add 31 credits for the Major, that amounts to 43 credits. This means that only 3 more credits of German (GER) may be applied towards the 120 credits needed for the B.A. degree. If for some reason you take more than 46 credits of German, you will need more than 120 credits to graduate.

You must have completed GER 2020 or above to be eligible for JYM. So, by the time you participate in JYM you will have already completed 16 German credits (GER 1010-2020). You must complete the GER 5993 Writing Intensive course in conjunction with a 5000-level German 3 credit course on campus when you return. The remaining 24 credits towards the major may be completed in Munich. The final tally of 43 credits of German (GER) coursework would allow you to take one more 3-credit course in German if you like for the maximum allowed of 46.

Understanding Course Equivalents

The courses you take while on JYM will not be 100% identical in either name or content to courses you would take on campus in Detroit. Instead, the courses you take in Munich will be considered as "equivalents" to courses you would take on campus.

► You MUST work closely with Prof. Hock to establish which courses you take in Munich will be accepted as equivalents to German courses on the books back in Detroit.

Some course equivalents may be quite easy to determine (e.g. JYG 3100 Advanced German Language I could easily be accepted as equivalent to GER 3100 Intermediate Composition and Conversation I). Others may not be that easy. For example, if you already took a similar course on campus and can't take that course twice, or if the course in Munich is radically different from anything on the books at Wayne State, at that point flexibility and accommodation are needed. But don't worry – Prof. Hock will be able to assist you with finding acceptable course equivalents.

► You MUST also work closely Louise Speed in the JYM office when it comes to course equivalents for non-German (GER) courses. For example, JYG 4300 History of Art will not count towards the German Major, but it may be acceptable as equivalent to A H 1120 (VP) Survey of Art History. Louise Speed will be able to assist you with this.
Fulfilling Requirements for the German Major while on JYM

Most courses taught at the JYM institute will count towards the German Major, as will many courses in German literature and culture that are taught at LMU Munich. You must meet with Prof. Hock in order to identify which courses you need to take while on JYM that can count towards the German Major.

CMLLC Courses required for the German Major

GER 2020  Intermediate German (must be completed before admission to JYM)
GER 2310  Short Fiction from Central Europe and Russia
GER 2710  Survey of German Culture I
GER 2720  Survey of German Culture II
GER 3100  Intermediate Composition and Conversation I
GER 3200  Intermediate Composition and Conversation II
GER 4600  Proseminar in German Studies
GER 5100  Advanced Composition and Conversation
GER 5993  Writing Intensive (can not be taken while on JYM)

Plus two courses from this list:
GER 5350  German Film
GER 5390  Holocaust Studies
GER 5670  19th Century German Studies
GER 5720  18th Century German Literature and Culture
GER 5770  Modernism
GER 5780  Texts and Contexts since 1945
GER 5790  Topics in German Studies
GER 5800  Literature and Cultures of Minorities
GER 5990  Directed Study
GER 6100  Critical Approaches to German Studies

JYM Courses that will count towards the German Major

JYG 3100  Advanced German Language I
JYG 3200  Advanced German Language II
JYG 3110  Written Communication and Expression
JYG 4100  Introduction to the Study of German Literature
JYG 4200  Contemporary German Culture
JYG 4300  History of Art (will not count towards the German Major)
JYG 4400  German Drama and Theater
JYG 4500  Munich and National Socialism
JYG 4600  Goethe’s Italian Journey
JYG 4700  Munich Modernism
JYG 4800  Topics in German Studies
JYG 4900  Undergraduate Research Project
JYG 5890  Overseas Internship (may count towards the German Major)
How will Courses Appear on my Transcript?

All coursework completed in Munich will be recorded as WSU course equivalents on your official transcript. This includes German Studies courses that may count toward the German Major. Prof. Hock will assist you in identifying WSU German course equivalents, and Louise Speed will assist you in identifying WSU non-German course equivalents.

Below are a few examples of how JYM or LMU Munich courses might be recorded on your transcript:

JYG 3100  Advanced German Language I (might appear on your WSU transcript as . . .)
→  GER 3100  Intermediate Composition and Conversation I

JYG 4100  Introduction to the Study of German Literature
→  GER 4600  Proseminar in German Studies

JYG 4300  History of Art
→  A H 1120 (VP)  Survey of Art History: Renaissance through Modern

JYG 4700  Munich Modernism
→  GER 5770  Modernism

JYG 4900  Undergraduate Research Project
→  GER 5990  Directed Study

LMU 132  Neuere deutschsprachige Reiseliteratur
→  GER 5790  Topics in German Studies

LMU 135  Romane der Gegenwart
→  GER 5780  Texts and Contexts since 1945

LMU 345  Interkulturelle Kommunikation
→  ANT 3150 (FC)  Anthropology of Business

LMU 123  Ausgewählte Aspekte der Migrationspolitik in Deutschland und der Europäischen Union (some LMU Munich course titles can be really long!)
→  P S 5710  Politics of Europe and European Union
Scholarships for JYM Students

Students of German at Wayne State University are incredibly fortunate. Many scholarships are available to students who wish to participate in the JYM program.

There are 3 main types of Undergraduate Scholarships:

A. Scholarships available through the CMLLC German Area
B. Scholarships available through the Junior Year in Munich program*
C. German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarships

► CMLLC Scholarships

Faulhaber Scholarships (for majors & minors) and Concordia Scholarships for Study Abroad (open to all students) are offered by the Department of CMLLC. Download the application form from the CMLLC website

► JYM Scholarships

JYM scholarships are offered separately through the Junior Year in Munich - not through the Department of CMLLC. Students must apply for these scholarships through JYM, not CMLLC. Visit the JYM office in 401 Manoogian to learn more and pick up an application form.

► DAAD Undergraduate Scholarships

A number of WSU students studying German have received prestigious DAAD Undergraduate Scholarships to support their participation in the JYM program. Information about the scholarship and online application procedure can be found on the DAAD Undergraduate Scholarship webpage (www.daad.org/undergrad).

If you wish to improve your chances for success and complete this application in a timely manner, the German area encourages you to follow the advice below:

• Update your Resume and be prepared to order an official WSU transcript at the end of the Fall term.

• As part of the application, you will need to write a Project Proposal. Talk to a German faculty member about applying for this scholarship early in the fall of the year before you plan to study abroad and ask that faculty member if she or he will work with you on your proposal. If you are applying for the DAAD scholarship to help finance your participation in the JYM program, your participation in JYM should be the starting point for your project proposal, which you expand by focusing on a particular learning goal you wish to achieve while abroad. According to the DAAD website: "A successful project proposal should clearly state why you are going to Germany and show the link to your academic work and career plans."
• Write a draft of your proposal and give it to a German faculty member for comments before the end of the fall semester. Give yourself time to revise and get feedback on at least two drafts of your essay before the strict DAAD application deadline of January 31.

• Before the end of the fall semester, ask two faculty members to write letters of recommendation for you (one should be from the faculty member helping you with your proposal).

• Before the end of the fall semester, ask one faculty member to complete a Language Evaluation Certificate for you (this can be one of the faculty writing a letter of recommendation).
Letters of Recommendation

Letters of Recommendation can help you land a prestigious fellowship or get the job you want. But in order to make sure you get a good and thoughtful letter of recommendation, follow these guidelines.

1. **Plan ahead.** It is your responsibility to research scholarship and fellowship opportunities, their eligibility requirements, and most importantly – their application deadlines.

2. Plan on asking someone who knows you and your work quite well over an extended period of time (for example, a professor with whom you have taken several courses).

3. Give the recommender plenty of lead time to write the letter (**3 weeks minimum**!). If you ask for a recommendation at the last minute, you leave the impression that you’re not really all that serious about applying, or that you are completely disorganized and unreliable. Neither are good first impressions and consequently the letter might not be as forceful as it could have been.

4. Provide the recommender with complete details about the scholarship, fellowship or job etc. For example: provide the name of the fellowship, criteria for selection, complete name and address of the person to whom the letter should be sent, and deadline for application.

5. Provide the recommender with copies of both your most recent transcript and resume.

6. It is perfectly legitimate and helpful to provide the recommender with information which you believe might be beneficial to your application, such as a narrative account of certain experiences (e.g. internships or volunteer work) relevant to the particular fellowship or job for which you are applying.
Asking for a Recommendation via Email

The advantages of email are well-known. But the disadvantages are perhaps not as well-known nor appreciated. A badly written email message will certainly leave a bad impression. When writing to a professor (or someone you do not know), always look at your email message as a formal letter.

**BAD:** This is an example of a badly written email message:

From: ihateschool@aol.com  
Date: 1/27/02  
To: 12345@wayne.edu  
Subject:  

hey,  
can u write me a recomendatiion? i need it tommorrow

**GOOD:** Below is an example of how the message should have been written:

From: John Doe <johndoe@aol.com>  
Date: 1/24/013  
To: Prof. Mark Ferguson <12345@wayne.edu>  
Subject: Request for Letter of Recommendation  

Dear Professor Ferguson,

I was a student in your German 2710 course (Fall 2012) and am applying for a Fulbright Fellowship. I was wondering if you would be willing to write a letter of recommendation for me. The application deadline is March 15, 2013. If you would be willing to write a recommendation, I would gladly send you the forms required by the Fulbright Commission, as well as a copy of my most recent transcript and cv. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and many thanks in advance.

Sincerely,

John Doe

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Recipient of WSU "University Scholarships" are eligible to receive One-Time Study Abroad Funding. Contact the Honors College for details.

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