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Dear Colleagues,

German Summer Program in Bremen

The Department of Germanic and Slavic Literatures and Languages (GSSL) and the Study Abroad Office are seeking your approval for a German Summer Program at the University of Bremen, Germany. Bremen is a historic town dating back to the 8th century and today is the 10th largest city in Germany. The University is a public institution founded in 1971 and is known for its interdisciplinary study and research oriented teaching projects. It has 18,000 students and is surrounded by a well-developed set of research institutions with numerous non-university institutes. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed recently between the University of Bremen and UNC-CH Chapel Hill to establish a context for academic collaboration. You may review further information about the University of Bremen at:

<http://www.uni-bremen.de/en.html>

Rationale

The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures wishes to widen opportunities for German majors and minors, as well as other German language students, to study in Germany. There is also an interest in facilitating further student and faculty exchanges. To this end, there has been discussion with colleagues at the University of Bremen, facilitated by site visits in both directions and resulting in a broad agreement on areas for future collaboration. The larger aspiration is to put in place semester and yearlong student exchange programs but the Department wishes to initiate collaboration with the University of Bremen with the creation of a summer program for undergraduate students.

The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures has supported a long standing summer program at the Free University of Berlin (FUBiS) but the faculty have not been completely satisfied with the structure and content of this program and are therefore wishing to create an alternative option, and one that might replace the program at the Free University of Berlin in due

course. In contrast to the FUBIS program, the Bremen summer program is designed for international (rather than American) students, and provides a "buddy" system by which visiting students are put in contact with students at the University of Bremen. Furthermore, the program provides homestay opportunities. GSSL faculty believe that Bremen would be a much better fit for UNC-Chapel Hill students; the town is smaller, much easier to navigate and students would be much better integrated within the University and with the German students who come for the most part come from the Bremen area. Another important point is that the German spoken and taught in northern Germany is 'High German'. The desire for international collaboration is very strong at the University of Bremen and colleagues there have indicated that they are willing to adapt courses and create new ones that would better suit our students. This cooperation could lead to stronger and more attractive programs for UNC-Chapel Hill students both for summer as well as semester programs.

Description: Courses and Faculty

The summer program at University of Bremen is nine weeks long (mid June to mid August) and includes two different courses that are taught consecutively in two separate sessions, with a one week break between. The first course is a combined language and content course titled 'German Language and the History of Emigration to North America' (3 credits). The language component has a number of different levels. The content component is taught in English and hence students do not need prior German language study to enroll. In totality, this course is a combination of German language instruction and seminars, lectures along with visits, including a visit to the German Emigration Center in Bremerhaven where they learn more about the destiny of the emigrants in the previous centuries. Students prepare a project and present it at the end of the course. The second session is a four week intensive German language course (3 credits). Students will be placed in the appropriate level based on a placement exam.

The content component of the first course will be taught by University of Bremen faculty from different departments of the university. All language instruction will be provided by teachers who have advanced degrees in teaching German as a foreign language.

Students will receive 6 UNC-Chapel Hill credits in total.

More detailed class syllabi as well as the faculty CVs course are attached in Appendices.

More information on the summer program can be found at:

<http://www.fremdsprachenzentrum-bremen.de/2269.0.html>

Academic Requirements and Credit

UNC-Chapel Hill students will need to have a 2.9 GPA to be eligible to apply. Students will not need any prior German language study although students who have taken at least 1 or 2 semesters will benefit the most. This program aims to attract students who are majoring in other fields but who have also taken some German, even at the high school level.

TREQ credit will be awarded as long as the student receives a C or better in each course taken.

UNC-Chapel Hill students will additionally be required to write a paper associated with the project they undertake for the first session. The paper will be supervised and graded by University of Bremen faculty. This will allow the credit for this course to transfer as a 200 level German course.

Logistics, Health and Safety

Facilities

All courses are taught at the University of Bremen and hence students enrolled in the summer program will be admitted as students of the University of Bremen. As a result, students will have access to all university facilities, including the library, internet access, cafeterias and support services.

Housing

UNC-Chapel Hill students will be placed with host families in Bremen for the duration of the program. The home stay program is administered by the University of Bremen.

Other activities

The program will offer a rich cultural program, exploring Bremen and the vicinity. A trip to Germany's capital Berlin will round off the cultural experience of life and culture in modern-day Germany. During the one week break between the two sessions, students will have the option of staying with their host family or traveling around Germany.

Health and Safety

Students will be covered by UNC's Study Abroad HTH insurance for the duration of their time on this program. The U.S. Department of State lists Germany as a modern and stable democracy. Tourist facilities are highly developed. In larger towns, many people can communicate in English. Germany authorities have been vigilant in combating terrorism and other threats to security. The city of Bremen, located in Northwestern Germany has a population of a little more than half a million. Bremen has an international airport and students will be able to use Bremen's excellent transportation system.

Conclusion

We hope this proposal has given a clear representation of the German summer program in Bremen. The Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures is enthusiastic about the opportunity this will give UNC-Chapel Hill students to work on their German language skills. They are hoping this will be the first one that will lead to the creation of semester programs with opportunities for internships and research projects.

We are happy to provide you with any additional information you might need to aid in your evaluations of this proposal.

Sincerely,



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Dr. Clayton Koelb, Chair: Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures Date

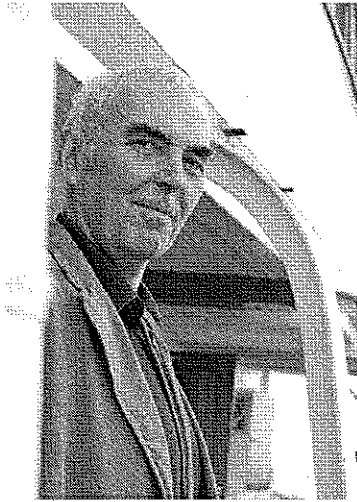


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Dr. Robert Miles, Associate Dean: Study Abroad and International Exchanges Date

Appendices: course information, syllabi and Faculty CV

Diethelm Knauf
Curriculum Vitae



1998 – present: Director of the State Film Archive Bremen;
1992 – 1997: Lecturer at the English Language Department, University of Bremen, Subject Area: English Language Teaching;
1995 PhD “Cultural Studies in English Language Teaching”
1987 – 1992: Research Fellow at the Labor Migration Project, University of Bremen;
1979 – 1987: Teacher at Sekundarstufe I Waller Ring, Bremen;
1979: Second State Examination;
1977 – 1979: Teachers’ Training College Hamburg;
1977: First State Examination;
1971 – 1977: Studies of English, History and Politics at the Philipps-University Marburg;
1975: Stay Abroad in Halifax and Leeds, Great Britain; work in the textile industries, language courses at Leeds University;
1971: Higher School Certificate (Abitur) in Kassel, Germany
1963 – 1971: Grammar School “Goetheschule” in Kassel
1959 – 1963: Primary School;
Born 1952

Various publications on migration history, regional history, English Language Teaching; author of film documentaries and work for radio and tv; lecturer in further education.



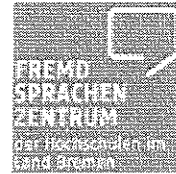
1. WEEK 18.06. - 24.06.2012

Programme

	9.00 - 10.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. - 1.20 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Monday	German course	German course	Campus tour
Tuesday	German course	German course	Self Learning Centre Introduction Electronical Language Portfolio
Wednesday	Seminar History of Emigration to America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning of the project work • using different kinds of resources: photos, films, textx • visiting archives, museums 	Seminar Emigration	City tour 9.00 p.m. ERASMUS- Stammtisch (Meeting of German and international students)
Thursday	German course	German course	Self Learning Centre Learning

- German
- Project work
- Emigration

Friday	Migration	Migration
	Today	Today
	Intercultural	Intercultural
	meeting in	meeting in
	Bremen-	Bremen-
	Gröpelingen	Gröpelingen
Saturday	Auswandererhaus, Bremerhaven	
Sunday	free time	



2. WEEK 25.06. - 01.07.2012

Programme

	9.00 - 10.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. - 1.20 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Monday	Bremer Geschichtenhaus	Bremer Geschichtenhaus	
Tuesday	German course	German course	Lecture Germany and the European Union Self Learning Centre
Wednesday	Seminar Emigration	Seminar Emigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning German • Project work Emigration
			9.00 p.m. ERASMUS- Stammtisch
Thursday	German course	German course	Self Learning Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning German • Project work Emigration

Friday	German course	German course	Beck & Co.
Saturday	German course		
Sunday	free time		

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3. WEEK 02.07. - 08.07.2012

Programme

	9.00 - 10.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. - 1.20 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Monday	German course	German course	Lecture Migrants in Germany
Tuesday	German course	German course	Self Learning Centre • Learning German • Project work Emigration
Wednesday	German course	German course	Lecture Studying at the University of Bremen 9.00 p.m. ERASMUS- Stammtisch
Thursday	Berlin • Reichstag • Brandenburger Tor • Checkpoint Charly		
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Friday	Today Berlin- Kreuzberg
Saturday	Jewish Museum
Sunday	Return to Bremen

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4. WEEK 09.07. - 13.07.2012

Programme

	9.00 - 10.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. - 1.20 p.m.	3.00 p.m.
Monday	German course	German course	Self Learning Centre • Learning German • Project work Emigration
Tuesday	German course	German course	Self Learning Centre • Learning German • Project work Emigration
Wednesday	Seminar Emigration	Seminar Emigration	Lecture Studying at the University of Bremen 9.00 p.m. ERASMUS- Stammtisch
Thursday	Project presentation	Project presentation	
Friday	Farewell	Departure	

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Course I: 23rd July - 17th August 2012

Our four-week language courses are 25 hours per week. Intermediate and advanced level courses consist of 20 hours of general language lessons and 5 hours of technical language. Basic level courses consist of 25 hours of intensive general language lessons. Usually the maximum number of participants for each group is 15.

Lessons run from 9.00 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. Language courses include listening and reading skills, conversation and writing skills, grammar and phonetics, cultural subjects and background studies. Students participating in the intermediate and advanced level courses will choose from one of the following topics - Science and Technology, Politics and Economics, History and Society, Arts and Literature - to improve their knowledge of the respective technical language. The participants will study terminology and structure of their chosen subject and be given the opportunity to apply them in discussions and short speeches.

All teachers are graduates in philology with years of experience in teaching German as a foreign language. During the course, lectures on various subjects will be held by professors from different faculties at the University of Bremen.

Outside the classroom studies of German language and culture will continue. All students will take a tour through the city of Bremen, visit local companies and institutions, be taken on excursion to the North Sea etc...

By the way all summer course students have the possibility to use the computers at the Center for Networks (Zentrum für Netze -ZfN). Furthermore, all participants can apply for Internet access and their own e-mail account.

Leisure and accompanying programme:

- Visits to Bremen enterprises (Hanseatic products: coffee, beer and chocolate),
- Politics, culture, history and future
- Excursions in Hanseatic Bremen: old-city quarters, Science Park, Universum, Football Museum (Werder Bremen)
- Films, sport and excursions

Afternoon programme and events:

- Several Bremen University Faculties organised workshops (sometimes held in English) on the following subjects:
 - Physics

- Biology/Chemistry
- Economics
- Social science
- Linguistics and literary science