

# Study Abroad in Munich

**2021-22 Academic Year & Semester Programs**



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**JUNIOR YEAR IN MUNICH**  
AN DER UNIVERSITÄT MÜNCHEN

*a distinguished tradition since 1953*



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# IMAGINE

Studying at Germany's top university

Living in one of Europe's most beautiful cities

Minutes from the Alps, only hours from Italy

All in German, all in Germany, all with JYM

Imagine your junior year in Munich





About JYM

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# The Junior Year in Munich an der Universität München

Students who study abroad in Germany with JYM become part of a distinguished tradition. Not only did the junior year abroad movement in Germany begin with JYM, but with the re-opening of JYM by Wayne State University in 1953, JYM became the first junior year abroad program in postwar Germany. Since then, more than 4,000 students from 500 U.S. colleges and universities have studied abroad in Munich with JYM — America's oldest study abroad program in Germany.

The Junior Year in Munich program is affiliated with the prestigious Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU Munich). Founded in 1472, LMU Munich is one of the oldest universities in Germany and has repeatedly been ranked the top 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 2019, LMU Munich was ranked as the 32nd top university in the world by the *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings.



Students admitted to JYM are enrolled at LMU Munich, where the JYM program enjoys privileged status as both an affiliated academic institute approved by the LMU Munich Academic Senate and an official course of study (Teil-Studiengang) approved by the Bavarian State Ministry of Culture. Hence our name, the "Junior Year in Munich at the University of Munich" (the "Junior Year in Munich an der Universität München").

JYM continues to pursue a singular mission: the integration of U.S. undergraduate students with studies related to their major at LMU Munich — Germany's top-ranked university. Our insistence upon German-language immersion and university integration has stood the test of time and defines how JYM is different from many other study abroad programs in Germany today.





# Program options

**JYM** offers Academic Year and one-semester program options.

The Junior Year in Munich program calendar follows the LMU Munich academic calendar.

## Academic Year

September 29, 2021	Orientation program begins*
October 18, 2021 - February 11, 2022	First Semester ( <i>Wintersemester</i> )
December 24, 2021 - January 6, 2022	Christmas Break
February 12, 2021 - April 24, 2021	Semester Break
April 25, 2022 - July 29, 2022	Second Semester ( <i>Sommersemester</i> )

## First Semester option

September 29, 2021	Orientation program begins*
October 18, 2021 - February 11, 2022	First Semester ( <i>Wintersemester</i> )
December 24, 2021 - January 6, 2022	Christmas Break

## Second Semester option

April 6, 2022	Orientation program begins*
April 25, 2022 - July 29, 2022	Second Semester ( <i>Sommersemester</i> )

\* Dates subject to change. See the program calendars on the JYM website for current dates.

## Optional Pre-JYM German Language Course:

Given the considerable break between the end of the US semesters and the beginning of the JYM programs, some students have found it beneficial to arrive early in Munich and enroll in a three-week Intensive German Language Course offered through the International University Club Munich (IUCM) before the start of JYM programs. This course is independent of the JYM program and costs are not covered in the JYM program fee. See the JYM website for more information about this opportunity.



# Health, safety, and COVID-19

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Our priority is to provide students with an immersive study abroad experience that is physically and emotionally safe and educationally and personally rewarding. After being restricted to on-line instruction since April 2020, Junior Year in Munich is looking forward to returning students to Munich in Fall 2021. We pair caution with our optimism, however, and continue to monitor the pandemic situation in Germany and the U.S. Because the pandemic situation is not yet under control, and because the vaccine roll out will require vigilance of all of us, JYM details for 2021-22--and the study-abroad policies of the colleges and universities with which we partner--are subject to change.

These uncertain times require flexibility of all of us. We encourage you to make JYM your Plan A and also to have a Plan B. In addition, you should familiarize yourself with your home institution's policies and procedures during this unique time. For our part, we are committed to maintaining open and transparent communication and informing you immediately of any changes. These will be immediately posted on our website and sent via email to all prospective participants.

## Travel Warnings

As of the release date of this brochure, a U.S. State Department Level-3 travel advisory and a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Level-4 Travel Health Notice are in effect for Germany. As long as these warnings remain in effect, students will be required to inform themselves of the risks involved in travel, and to sign a liability waiver.

## COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan

You will find our detailed Health and Safety Plan at: <http://www.jym.wayne.edu/JYMCovidPlan.pdf> We will follow the guidelines on this plan as long as the 7-day day average of new COVID-19 cases in Munich is above 50/100,000, and longer if we determine it is in the interest of the safety of our students. We update this plan regularly so that it addresses the most recent health and safety information and guidelines from medical professionals, scientists, and the study abroad community.

## Evaluation Dates

To help you deal with the uncertainty of travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have established evaluation dates of August 4, 2021 for our year-long and first-semester programs and January 4, 2022 for our second-semester program. We will confirm by these dates whether our program will run as planned that semester so that, if it does not, you can complete a full semester of coursework at your home institution.

## Refund Policy

JYM tuition and fees are fully refundable up to and including the day before the start of the program: September 28, 2021 for the first semester and full year, and April 24, 2022 for the second semester.



# Health, safety, and COVID-19

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## Pre-Departure

Our COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan includes detailed information about the need to quarantine 14 days before travel to Germany and to get a COVID test 72 hours prior to travel. Given current trends, we anticipate that this will soon become a requirement for all global travel. As immunizations become available, they are also highly recommended, as there is talk that they too, will become a requirement for international travel. We also provide guidelines for reducing exposure risk in airports and on international flights. JYM participants are required to bring with them to Munich a mobile phone with a thermometer app and several face masks. Among these, it you should plan to have some N95 respirators (the European equivalent is FFP2 respirators) for air travel.

## On-site

All JYM participants will have single-occupancy apartments provided through Studentenwerk. As long as there is a pandemic threat, students will be expected to conduct a daily self-screening survey before coming to the main JYM institute, and students who fall ill are expected to report this via mobile phone to the Munich JYM staff immediately. A mask requirement and social-distancing measures will remain in place in the JYM institute as long as there is a pandemic threat. Furthermore, all JYM staff and participants will be expected to practice proper hand hygiene. Details are in our COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan.

## Student-life and travel

Students will be expected to follow all COVID-19 guidelines in effect in at the JYM institute, in the dorms operated by Studentenwerk, at the LMU, and in the State of Bavaria. If the number of Covid cases is above 50/100,000 or is rising, travel will be restricted to Bavaria and possibly to Munich only. We encourage students to plan a deep dive into all that Munich and Bavaria have to offer. This includes planning to do an internship or research project while in Germany.

## Academics

JYM guarantees that students who start our program will be given the opportunity to complete their credits. We are well aware that your goal in studying abroad is to be on site. Our aim is to provide in-person classes with numerous hands-on experiences. Should, however, a spike in virus numbers require us to do so, we are prepared to pivot our classes to an online format and we have experience implementing best practices in online teaching. We offered online summer classes to the students whom we had to repatriate in March 2020 and we also offered two courses in Fall 2020, all of which helped students to stay on track with their plans of work and helped us to become familiar with best practices in online teaching.



# Eligibility

Second semester sophomores, juniors, and seniors from any accredited U.S. university or college are eligible to apply for admission to the Junior Year in Munich.



## Admission requirements

1. At least two years of college German with an average grade of at least “B” or the officially documented equivalent (e.g. completion of a fourth semester or higher-level course, or results of a proficiency exam indicating Level B1 or above).
2. Above average scholastic ability (a “B” average or better).
3. Approval of the student’s course of study (as indicated on the Proposed Schedule of Courses) by his/her major advisor, study abroad advisor and the Junior Year in Munich.
4. One letter of recommendation from a German faculty member.
5. Junior status officially documented on the transcript from the home institution prior to departure for Germany (required for registration at LMU Munich).

## Student Code of Conduct

**JYM** students are reminded that they are representatives of their home institutions and the JYM program, as well as guests of the Ludwig Maximilians Universität and the Studentenwerk München. Junior Year in Munich expects full academic participation from all students, as well as adherence to appropriate standards of personal conduct established by the JYM program and its host institutions in Germany. The program administration reserves the right to dismiss any student who fails to meet these expectations. The complete Student Code of Conduct is posted on the JYM website.



# How to apply

Students interested in participating in the JYM program must submit an online application. The link to the application can be found on our website (see Apply).

**May 1** Academic Year and First Semester only

**November 1** Second Semester only

Students are notified of their acceptance status within two weeks of the application deadline. If an applicant should require an earlier decision date, please email JYM at [jym@wayne.edu](mailto:jym@wayne.edu)



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### **A complete application will include the following:**

- A transcript showing coursework and grades for your first three semesters (or four quarters), or all coursework to date
- A letter of recommendation from your most recent German language instructor.
- Approval of your Proposed Schedule of Courses by your major academic advisor.
- Approval of participation in JYM by your home institution's study abroad advisor.
- A Personal Statement in which you describe your interest in study abroad in Germany with JYM and how you see this experience contributing to meeting your academic and career goals.
- Additional information is required if you are applying for scholarship assistance or an internship.

**If you have any questions about the JYM program or application process, please direct your questions to:**

Jackie Smith  
JYM Program Coordinator  
Tel. 313-577-4605  
[JYM@wayne.edu](mailto:JYM@wayne.edu)



# Program fee

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**JYM** has consistently remained one of the most affordable study abroad programs of its kind in Germany. Visit the JYM website for the current fee and a real comparison.

## The JYM program fee includes ...

- Tuition (includes admission to LMU Munich)
- Housing (includes the two-month semester break for full-year students)
- Comprehensive medical and supplementary insurance
- Residency permit
- Studentenwerk/Student Services fees
- On-site resident director and staff at JYM Institute
- On-site orientation
- JYM area studies and advanced language instruction
- Theatre/museum tickets for related JYM courses
- Cultural Vistas internship placement fee (if applicable)
- Professional and social events at JYM
- Pre-departure bulletin for students and parents
- Wayne State University transcript
- Re-entry and alumni support (including a JYM job board)

## Program fee proviso

JYM reserves the right to change the program fee in the event that dollar/euro exchange rate differentials warrant such a change.

## Personal expenses

The JYM program fee does not include personal expenses (meals, books, entertainment, vacation travel, local transportation, round-trip airfare). Current estimates can be found on the JYM website.

## Refund policy

Students must send written notification of their intention to withdraw from the program. There is no refund of the program fee after the start of orientation.







## Scholarships and Financial aid

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Thanks to alumni and friends of JYM, the program distributes more than \$60,000 annually in scholarship awards.

### **Academic Year students**

Scholarship assistance is available for all JYM programs, however students taking part in the Academic Year program are given funding priority. Awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. All students are encouraged to apply for JYM scholarships, which can be found within the JYM program application.

### **Other scholarships**

Visit the JYM website for information about additional scholarship opportunities.

### **Federal financial aid**

JYM recognizes that each school has its own policy regarding tuition and financial aid, and we are prepared to work with each individual's circumstances. Almost all of our partner schools now process federal financial aid for their students when they study abroad. Students should begin by contacting their study abroad or financial aid office regarding their school's policy. Most schools will issue a Consortium Agreement to Wayne State University by which they agree to process federal financial aid and Wayne State agrees not to. All Consortium Agreements should be sent to Jackie Smith in the JYM Detroit office for completion. Please note that students can still apply for JYM private scholarships even if federal financial aid is processed through their home school.







# Coursework options

## German university enrollment

All students admitted to JYM are officially matriculated at LMU Munich and have access to the full university bachelors level curriculum, except for medicine and law. It is not recommended that students plan to take all their course work at the university unless their language proficiency is clearly at the B2 level. This is especially true for the natural sciences and business.

## Coursework options

Students design their course schedule in consultation with their home school major advisor and study abroad advisor. A typical course schedule consists of a combination of courses taught at the JYM Institute and courses taught at the LMU Munich. With prior approval from their home school advisors, students may also participate in an internship or pursue a research project for credit.

## Transcripts

An official Wayne State University transcript is produced at the end of each semester for all coursework completed in Munich.

## Proposed Schedule of Courses

Students list the courses they intend to take in Munich on the Proposed Schedule of Courses, which is part of the JYM application form. Students and advisors should be aware that it is common for adjustments to be made to a student's Proposed Schedule of Courses once they arrive in Munich, since the availability of some university courses will have changed since the time of their application to JYM. Actual registration for courses does not take place until after arrival in Munich.



## What to do between semesters?

JYM students on the full year program have always looked forward to the time between semesters (mid-February to mid-April) as a special time to experience what it really means to live abroad and call Munich home. Some students go on JYM's Italienische Reise (Italian Journey) which is offered in March, while others take a four-week language course at Deutschkurse bei der Universität München, begin internships, find a part-time job, or travel to places on their Bucket List before returning home to Munich.



### JYM German language courses

Continuous language learning is central to the JYM program. All students are required to take Advanced German Language (JYG 3100/3200) each semester unless exempted by a sufficiently high score on the proficiency exam administered during orientation. German language courses taught at JYM are designed according to the proficiency levels of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Visit the JYM website (Academics) to learn how to prepare for the proficiency exam and JYM German language courses.

### JYM area studies courses

JYM area studies courses have been designed to bridge the transition from U.S.-style to German-style university studies, and include field trips to cultural events and sites of historical interest in and around Munich. All courses are conducted in German. Visit the JYM website for more information about the JYM courses below, announcements of new courses that may have been added, and to see in which semester they are offered. All JYM courses are 3 credits.

JYG 4100 Introduction to the Study  
of German Literature

JYG 4200 Contemporary German Culture

JYG 4300 History of Art

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

JYG 4800 Topics in German Studies may vary depending on student interest. Recent topics include: "Green Germany: The Politics and Economics of Clean Energy and the Environment", and "Mountains in German Literature and Film".

### Courses at Ludwig Maximilians Universität (LMU Munich)

JYM's affiliation with LMU Munich allows students to be admitted to the university and have access to the entire university curriculum, except the fields of medicine and law. Visit the JYM website to discover the many fields of study available at LMU Munich and the types of courses that are appropriate for JYM students, as well as how to find available course descriptions.







### Certificate in German Language Proficiency

Students on the full-year program have the opportunity to make exceptional progress in German and return to the US with internationally recognized certification of advanced German language proficiency. JYM offers preparation in the second semester for the Goethe-Zertifikat B2 or C1 exam, or the Deutsche Sprachprüfung für ausländischer Studienbewerber (DSH). This kind of certification will open doors for students considering post-graduate fellowships, employment where German language skills give them an advantage, or even graduate study in Germany.

### Research projects

Many students undertake research projects while on JYM because of the unique opportunities and incredible resources available in Munich. Students have used their time in Munich to conduct research in preparation for a senior thesis or capstone project specifically related to their major.

JYM students benefit from a growing network of mentors who can personally assist them with their research projects:

- Art and studio art students may learn from the acclaimed visual artist **Ugo Dossi**.
- Literature students may study under the award-winning author **Gerhard Falkner**.
- Political science students may learn from **Hermann Brem**, a former politician (Green Party).

Visit the JYM website for many examples of research projects undertaken in the recent past.

### Internships

JYM has helped arrange internships for many students in the fields of art, engineering, environment and ecology, education, health care, foreign service, government, international trade, marketing, publishing, and more. Please be aware that internships are competitive and cannot be guaranteed in advance. Please visit the JYM website to learn more about internship options.

# Student support

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## **Scholarships**

JYM distributes approximately \$60,000 in scholarship funds annually, and awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$4,000.

## **On-site resident director and staff**

JYM's on-site resident director is Hans-Peter Söder, who holds a Ph.D. in German intellectual history from Cornell University. Both an active scholar and published poet, Professor Söder lives year-round with his family in Munich, where he and other JYM staff and instructors are available to assist and guide students throughout the year.

## **JYM Institute**

The JYM Institute is centrally located near the city center and adjacent to the major museums of Munich. The institute has an extensive library collection, study area and lounge, classrooms, computers, and wireless networking capability. Throughout the year, the institute is used for instruction, guest speakers and special events, academic and personal support when needed, or simply as a place to relax when desired.

## **Orientation and advising**

All JYM programs begin with an on-site orientation program designed to introduce students to various facets of everyday life in Munich and to acquaint them with the German university system. During orientation, the resident director advises students individually about their course schedule for the upcoming semester.

## **Housing**

Housing is included in the JYM program fee. Students live in the popular Studentenstadt Freimann, located next to the English Garden. The "StuStadt" is where students begin to set down roots and make new friends as Munich becomes their new home away from home. They have their own small but cozy efficiency apartment, and every floor has a common area where students come together to watch TV, share meals, have parties, or just hang out and relax. Students on the second semester program may be placed in the StuStadt and/or other university residence halls.

## **Comprehensive medical and supplementary insurance**

As part of the program fee, students are insured by a German health insurance carrier. This meets the requirements set by LMU Munich for the admission of foreign students to the university as well as the requirements needed for students to receive the residency permit that allows them to live in Germany. Students also receive supplementary insurance through iNext, which covers issues beyond the German insurance such as emergency medical evacuation.

## **Alumni job board**

JYM has a stellar record of helping students translate their study abroad experiences into marketable assets that employers seek in today's global economy. Many JYM students return to Germany after they graduate. Some pursue graduate studies, complete internships or return as recipients of prestigious post-graduate fellowship awards. Others find employment because of their advanced language skills and overseas experience, and return to Germany for job assignments.







