INT 489: Experiences in Culture, Healthcare and Business in Germany

Spring Semester 2020 • Travel to Stuttgart, Germany May 10–21, 2020

About the course:
It’s been said that the best way to understand a different culture is to immerse yourself in it. This interdisciplinary travel study course will focus on the cultural and economic influences on life and business in Germany as compared to the United States. The course is offered in partnership with Aalen University in Stuttgart, Germany. Students will get the opportunity to visit a key hospital to discuss healthcare, the Carl Zeiss Oberkochen to discuss developing optical solutions for the public and also automobile producers BMW Munich and Porsche Zuffenhausen to examine different approaches to automaking. In addition, students will have the opportunity to visit cultural and historical spots in the region such as Dachau and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Roman Limes. During the spring semester we will hold four, two-hour meetings to go over assigned reading on business and culture in Germany to prepare for our trip.

• Open to all students
• No prerequisites
• Fulfills cultural diversity & international perspectives general education requirement
• Travel dates: May 10–21, 2020
• Estimated course fee is $2,500 + 3 credits tuition

What students have said about this course:
“Students should consider taking this course because it is unlike any other class they can take at the University of Maine. INT 489 gives you the opportunity to expand your horizons, immerse yourself in another culture, and open your eyes to a different way of life. Step out of your comfort zone and take this class because it was one of the most memorable things I’ve done during my undergraduate education so far.” —Courtney Daly, Business Administration, October 2018

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