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Transatlantic Program 2006

A delegation of 25 students selected from universities and colleges across the United States travels to Germany to gain in-depth knowledge about German politics, economy, history, and culture.

Special features:
Visitor program including German language classes and two to six months internships with German companies.

May 20 – December 31, 2006

www.transatlanticprogram.org

German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest Inc.

The German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest (GACCoM), headquartered in Chicago, was founded over forty years ago, in 1963.

Our continuing mission is to further, promote and assist in the expansion of bilateral trade and investment between Germany and the United States.

GACCoM is an integral part of the network of German Chambers of Commerce Abroad (AHK) with 170 offices in 80 countries around the globe, including eight offices in North America. All of our offices are committed to providing professional assistance to North American companies with regard to their trade and investment relations with Germany.

GACCoM combines the elements of a membership association, a trade commission and a professional consultancy – quite a unique concept in international trade promotion.

Membership Services:

The German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest is committed to helping its members enhance their business through networking and business events, referrals, consulting services, advertising and publications.

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To meet the needs of German and U.S. businesses, GACCoM has developed a wide range of services:

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- Career Services, search of bilingual (German/English) employees.
- Conferences on current topics such as biofuels, green architecture etc.
- Special projects like the Transatlantic Program.

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GACCoM's territory covers 14 Midwestern U.S. states comprising approximately one quarter of the nation's geographical area, its population and its GDP. With its services GACCoM covers the whole United States market.

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Background of the Transatlantic Program and Acknowledgements:

The German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest in Chicago (GACCoM) conducted its first "German Program for Transatlantic Encounters", the Transatlantic Program, in 2002 to give young American professionals insight into German politics, economy, history and culture and most of all German businesses. In 2005, GACCoM developed another program for undergraduate and graduate students in the US. GACCoM's Transatlantic Program 2006 offers an extraordinary opportunity to 25 motivated, well-qualified students from across the United States. The program consists, first, of an intensive one week program in Berlin (with day trips to Hamburg, Leipzig, and Potsdam), including visits, orientation tours, discussions, lectures, language classes, intercultural training and pre-internship orientation. This week will be then followed by individually arranged two to six month internships in German companies or organizations. The group will also get together for an interim seminar in Cologne during the internship phase for another intercultural training session and internship review.

Through this special program the participants are invited to experience modern Germany and get to know German business culture while improving their German language skills and gaining hands-on experience in their areas of study. The students will have the chance to experience Germany first-hand in a business rather than an academic setting, make professional contacts, and form friendships between Americans and Germans. When returning to the US, the students act as ambassadors for Germany in the US and pass this newly gained knowledge and understanding onto fellow Americans and thereby help to enhance transatlantic understanding and cooperation.

At the same time the program is intended to motivate US colleges and universities to continue to offer German as a foreign language and, additionally, offer business and technical German classes. In a business setting, the German language can be a very valuable tool and provide completely new career opportunities in combination with any business or technical field of study.

The program is mainly financed through the European Recovery Program (ERP) Special Fund. Additional funds are provided by the DaimlerChrysler Corporation and, last but not least, by the GACCoM itself. Furthermore, the program is enthusiastically supported by Helga W. Kraft of the University of Illinois at Chicago who leads the German language class, supported by two teaching assistants of Humboldt University at Berlin and InWent gGmbH who help to set up and administer the internship part of the program. Besides that we again received great support from the Association of American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) and a large number of universities and colleges throughout the U.S. who consider this business-related program to be a very practical and helpful addition to their schools' German Programs. GACCoM sincerely thanks the German Government, DaimlerChrysler Corp. and all other parties for their contributions and their continuing dedication to the German American relationship.



Program of the visit of the U.S. student delegation to Germany Berlin – Hamburg – Leipzig – Potsdam – various internship locations

[The official language of the program is German]

Saturday, May 20, 2006 Berlin

- Arrival and welcome of all participants in Berlin.
- Start of Part 1 of the Transatlantic Program: getting an insight into German politics, economy, history and culture.
- Getting to know each other and briefing session for the participants.

Sunday, May 21, 2006 Berlin

- Introductory seminar by InWEnt: living and working in Germany.
- “Berlin – Stadt im Wandel”: presentation and guided tour of historic and modern Berlin.
- Visit to the Reichstag, home of the German Federal Parliament: Introduction to Germany’s political system and history of the Reichstag.

Monday, May 22, 2006 Berlin

- In the morning: German language classes. Classes by Helga Kraft (Professor of Germanic Studies at UIC) with Ingo Blischke und Jutta Behnen (teaching assistants at Humboldt University, Berlin).
- Luncheon with representative from the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wirtschaft und Politik vom Deutschen Institut für Internationale Politik und Sicherheit): EU-US trade relations.
- Lecture/Discussion at the Federal Foreign Office: transatlantic relations and how Germany is viewed abroad.
- Discussion with representatives of DaimlerChrysler Corp. about their global operations and international marketing strategy.

Tuesday, May 23, 2006 Berlin

- In the morning: German language classes.
- Visit to the Federal Ministry of Economics (BMWi). Talks with representatives of the BMWI about changes in policy under the new government and its policy for small and medium-sized companies.
- Tour of Berlin Adlershof, Berlin’s largest Science and Technology Campus and media location. Tour of the infrastructure by WISTA Management GmbH. Small group visits to individual companies with international focus in specific fields of interest (business, intl. relations, finance, marketing, engineering), including Q&A sessions.
- Networking event with German students of the Technical University in Berlin.

Wednesday, May 24, 2006 Hamburg

- Daytrip to the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. (German language classes en route to Hamburg.)
- Visit to the Chamber of Commerce, Hamburg (HK Hamburg). Information on Hamburg as a business location,

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Traveling, Languages, Volunteering



- the role of the chambers of commerce in Germany and on the significance of German exports.
- Presentation regarding the educational system in Germany by BWG officials (Behörde für Wissenschaft und Gesundheit) and HK Hamburg.
- Reception at Hamburg City Hall and briefing on Hamburg-Chicago sister city relationship.
- Guided tour of Hafencity: the modern redevelopment on Hamburg's waterfront.
- Guided City Tour by hySOLUTIONS GmbH in Hydrogen powered HOCHBAHN Fuel Cell Bus - part of the HyFLEET: CUTE Project (Clean Urban Transport for Europe).

Thursday, May 25, 2006 Berlin (Public Holiday)

- In the morning and early afternoon: German language classes and report on Adlershof visits.
- Visit to the Jewish Museum. Guided tour on Jewish History and Culture in Germany in the 19th and 20th Century.
- Cultural evening: Faust I at the Deutsches Theater.

Friday, May 26, 2006 Leipzig

- Daytrip to Leipzig.
(German language classes en route to Leipzig.)
- Visit to Porsche plant, production site of the Cayenne and Carrera GT.
- Round-table discussion at the Leipzig Chamber of Commerce and Industry: introduction to Leipzig as a business location and Leipzig's preparations for the FIFA World Cup 2006 (presented by representatives from the City of Leipzig).
- Guest speaker: testimonial by Allmetal GmbH, a US investor in Leipzig.
- Guided city tour of Leipzig.

Saturday, May 27, 2006 Berlin

- All-day workshop with InWEnt on intercultural topics and preparation for the internships.
- Sports and social evening in the Berlin Tiergarten – Transatlantic Program Soccer Tournament celebrating the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2006.

Sunday, May 28, 2006 Potsdam

- Review and evaluation of the Transatlantic Program 2006 – Part 1.
- Trip to Potsdam. Guided tour of Potsdam and Castle Sanssouci.

Monday, May 29, 2006 Berlin

- Individual travel by the U.S. students to their respective internship locations in Germany.

Thursday, June 1, 2006

- Start of Part 2 of the Transatlantic Program 2006 – internships with German companies and organizations.

(Individual internships)

Thursday, July 13, 2006 to Saturday, July 15, 2006

- Review of initial internship experiences and related workshop in Cologne.

(Continuing individual internships)

July 31, 2006 to December 31, 2006

- End of internships (varying individually) and end of the Transatlantic Program 2006.

Academic Outline of the Program

Partner for the Internships

Part 1 of the Transatlantic Program 2006: One week Immersion Seminar in German Language/Culture



The objective of this week's program is to introduce students to German society, culture, business, and political life, and to prepare them for German language and culture skills needed in their internship. The main focus lies on international business and German business practices as well as on improving German language skills. The group will study current cultural, literary and discipline oriented texts from newspapers, magazines and text books. Participants will also communicate with German native experts. Class room materials are prepared by specialists in German culture and language instruction. The materials are chosen for students with a language proficiency of at least two years of college German.

During language and culture instruction, the communicative method of instruction will be utilized. The sessions will be divided into units each featuring various aspects of language learning, group work, lectures, as well as discussions on German business culture. In the afternoons and evenings students will visit select governmental, business and cultural units where they will attend lectures, converse with experts, and participate in tours guided by experts. Total: 45 contact hours through classes, presentations, cultural immersion, company visits and feedback. Students will receive a certificate of completion for the academic portion of this week-long immersion course.

Part 2 of the Transatlantic Program 2006: Conferring Credit for individual Internships

For colleges that have internship courses listed in their catalogues

The suggestions are based on courses offered at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). For the minimum 2 month internship program students could receive 3 – 4 credit hours for a course equivalent to Ger 492, plus an additional 3 – 4 credits if they enroll in a course equivalent to Ger 493 after returning to campus. For this course they write a report/term paper relating their internship experience to the academic debate on international business. For those who would like to add internship courses to their curriculum, these are sample courses from the Department of Germanic Studies at UIC:

- Ger 492 Internship in International Business: 0 TO 12 hours.
Student placement in an international organization in a German-speaking country or its U.S. subsidiary.
- Ger 493 Internship Seminar: Business: 1 TO 4 hours.
Academic component of the internship experience.
Studies in the field of the internship and further investigation of related topics.

For colleges without internship courses in their catalogues

For the minimum 2 months internship program students could receive 3-4 credit hours in "Independent Studies." If they hand in a report/term paper on their internship experience after their return, they could receive another 3-4 credits in "Independent Studies".

InWent - Capacity Building International, Germany

InWent – Capacity Building International, Germany is an organization for international human resources development, advanced training and dialogue. Established in 2002 through a merger of Carl Duisberg Gesellschaft e.V. and the German Foundation for International Development, it can draw on decades of experience that both organizations have gained in the field of international cooperation.

InWent gGmbH is a non-profit organization which receives support from private industry, federal and state agencies of the German government, as well as the European Union, UN and other supranational institutions. InWent gGmbH plans, organizes, and administers professional education and advanced training programs for specialists and managerial personnel from industrial and developing countries.

InWent's America programs offer a wide spectrum of individual, subject and company-oriented training activities. Various types of programs are available: Internships and traineeships, Work/Study programs, exchange programs and study tours.

In close cooperation with GACCoM, InWent gGmbH will support you throughout your program in Germany. The Transatlantic Program team secures the necessary work permits for participants, takes an active part in seminars, and provides participants with information and advice during their stay in Germany. The team includes

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“Ein Haus aus Sprache. Dramatikerinnen und
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Internship

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Internship Length: 2 months



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Area: Purchasing
Internship Length: 3 months



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Swimming, Film, Sewing/Fashion Design

Host Company Information

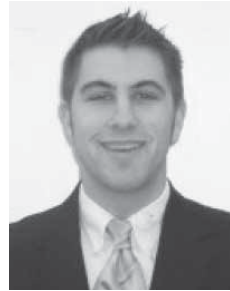
Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC)
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Website: www.bicc.de

Internship

Area: Research
Internship Length: 2 months



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Host Company Information

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Website: www.fey-co.de

Internship

Area: Marketing and Sales
Internship Length: 10 weeks