



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

[The official language of the program is German]

Saturday, May 24, 2008 Berlin

- Welcome of all participants in Berlin
- Start of Part 1 of the Transatlantic Program: Insight into German politics, economy, history, and culture
- Getting to know each other and briefing session with the participants

Sunday, May 25, 2008 Berlin

- “Das neue Berlin”: Presentation and guided tour of historic and modern Berlin
- Introductory seminar by InWEnt: Living and working in Germany

Monday, May 26, 2008 Berlin

- Morning: German language classes, taught by Helga Kraft (Professor of Germanic Studies at UIC) with Jutta Behnen und Anne Rosenburg (German Language Instructors)
- Presentation at the Federal Foreign Office about “Understanding German Politics”
- Discussion with representatives of Daimler AG about the latest developments within the automotive industry

Tuesday, May 27, 2008 Berlin

- Morning: German language classes
- Visit of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi). Talks with the head of the department for small and medium-sized companies about Germany’s “Mittelstand” and its current challenges
- Presentation by dena – German Energy Agency – Competence Center for Energy and Renewable Energies. Outline on the current status of renewable energy in Germany and opportunities for the US
- Cultural evening and visit to one of Berlin’s most unique boroughs “Prenzlauer Berg”

Wednesday, May 28, 2008 Leipzig

- Daytrip to Leipzig
- Visit to Porsche plant, production site of the Cayenne and Carrera GT
- Walking tour through Leipzig
- Visit to Energiepark Waldpolenz – largest solar power plant in Germany. Guided tour by representatives of juwi solar GmbH



Thursday, May 29, 2008 Berlin

- Morning: German language classes
- Presentation by representatives of Berlin Partner GmbH on business development strategies for the City of Berlin at their Business Location Center
- Visit to Metanomics Health GmbH. Presentation of core competences and business development in the U.S. Guided tour of the company's medical R&D location
- Networking event with German students of the Technical University of Berlin

Friday, May 30, 2008 Hamburg

- Daytrip to the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
- Visit to the Container Harbor, one of the largest seaports in the world and gateway to international trade and a brief stop at Hafencity, the modern redevelopment on Hamburg's waterfront
- Reception and guided tour of the Hamburg City Hall

Saturday, May 31, 2008 Berlin

- All-day workshop with cross-cultural trainer on intercultural topics and preparation for the internships
- Cultural evening program

Sunday, June 1, 2008 Berlin

- Opportunity to attend a German church service (optional, e.g. at the Kaiser-Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche, symbol of Berlin's resolve to rebuild the city after the war)
- Scavenger hunt throughout the city to explore Berlin's most historic and unique neighborhoods

Monday, June 2, 2008 Berlin

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

Thursday, June 5, 2008

- Start of Part 2 of the Transatlantic Program 2008 – internships with German companies and organizations

(Individual internships)

Thursday, July 10, 2008 to Saturday, July 12, 2008

- Interim Seminar in Cologne: Review of initial internship experiences and intercultural training

(Continuing individual internships)

July 31, 2008 to December 31, 2008

- End of internships (varying individually) and end of the Transatlantic Program 2008

January 17 to 18, 2009 Chicago

- 4th Annual Transatlantic Program Alumni Reunion