

Depart on March 5
and return on
March 15
**TRAVEL TO GERMANY
AND OTHER
EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES DURING
SPRING BREAK**



**STUDY ABROAD
IN
EUROPE**



**WHY STUDY GERMANY
AS AN EXAMPLE OF
GLOBALIZATION?**



**WHAT HAVE OTHER
STUDENTS SAID ABOUT
THIS COURSE?**

LEGAL GLOBALIZATION AND COMPARATIVE LAW

GERMANY & THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS



Course Description

This course will introduce students to globalization and its impact on cultures and legal systems. The course will focus on current and historical topics of legal significance in Europe with particular emphasis on Germany. Students will spend the first portion of the semester learning about German history, culture, and legal systems, as well as about global governance and the development of international judicial tribunals. The overall theme of the course will be to consider the phenomenon of globalization and, in particular, the use of international tribunals to address legal issues that have a global impact.

As part of this course, students will have reading assignments and watch relevant films. Each student will be responsible for presenting on relevant topics as assigned, posting to the course blog, and participating in a group presentation about their experiences in this course.

This class is offered for 3 credits, and will be graded on a Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory basis. Class will meet on Mondays at 3:00-4:55 p.m. Attendance at all class sessions prior to travel is required.

Study Abroad in Europe

During Spring Break 2015, the class will travel to Germany and other European countries. We will depart on Thursday, March 5 and return to Carbondale on Sunday, March 15, 2015. We will visit Munich and Nuremberg in Germany, as well as other locations in Europe. The tentative plan is to also visit Luxembourg, The Hague, and Amsterdam, although this plan might change depending on the availability of courts and other factors.

Europe holds many of the world's treasures and is a fantastic travel destination. We will see beautiful architecture, explore amazing museums, and experience a diverse array of languages and cultures. We will see how Europeans have mixed history with modernity. We will have behind-the-scenes access to courts that you would not have if you visited on your own.

The cities we visit will be some of the cleanest and safest in the world. We will see the beautiful landscape dotted with ancient castles and churches as we travel through Europe on trains.

You will stroll along the historic canals of Amsterdam, see the famous Munich glockenspiel, and visit the medieval city of Nuremberg. You will have the opportunity to experience Germany's Bierkultur by participating in a pub crawl (drinking alcohol is optional, of course). You will have free time to explore and shop, and there will be group tours of some of the most legally and historically significant sites in the world.

Some of the activities tentatively planned include:

- * Munich Palace of Justice
- * Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial
- * Nuremberg Trials Courtroom & Museum
- * Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds Museum
- * Rock-Cut Cellar Tour
- * European Court of Justice (depending on court's availability)
- * International Criminal Court (depending on court's availability)
- * International Court of Justice (depending on court's availability)
- * Anne Frank House in Amsterdam

Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to learn and have fun with your SIU Law classmates.

Visit some of the most legally and historically significant sites in the world!



Dean Fountaine was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Germany, where she taught U.S. Constitutional Law and U.S. Common Law Legal Methods to German law students at Universität Bayreuth.

Why study Germany as an example of Globalization?

The world is shrinking. Technology, a global economy, and easy travel have made the world more interdependent. It is increasingly important for lawyers to have an understanding of other legal systems and cultures.

Germany is an ideal focal point for a study of legal globalization for many reasons. Germany has the fourth largest GNP in the world (behind the U.S., China, and Japan), and it has the largest population of any country in the European Union, making it an international economic and political leader.

Germany's Basic Law puts primary emphasis on protection of human rights and human dignity, and the country has maintained a commitment to peace since the end of World War II. Consequently, Germany has been a leader in the development of international judicial tribunals and the use of international courts to resolve disputes among nations and to prevent atrocities like those that Germany committed during WWII. Moreover, the post-WWII Nuremberg Trials--in which the United States played a pivotal leadership role--have served as a model for the development and use of tribunals like the International Criminal Court in The Hague to prosecute atrocities across the globe.

It is difficult to understand Germany and its role in the world without exploring its dark past. We will discuss the breakdown of the Rule of Law in Germany during WWII and how that has impacted German and European law and culture and the development of international courts in the post-war era. As part of our discussion, we will consider the role of lawyers during and after WWII, including Nazi lawyers and judges as well as lawyers and judges involved in the prosecution and defense of Nazi atrocities. We will also consider the role of Germany in the post-war global legal environment, and how international human and economic rights are protected in the post-WWII globalized world.

The European Union--which was formed after WWII with the goal of preventing another European war of aggression--is one of the world's most sophisticated international cooperatives for maintaining international peace, economic stability, and protection of human rights. Germany has always been a key member of the EU, and its strong economic position has made it even more significant in the aftermath of the global economic crisis.

Another reason that Germany is an interesting subject for legal study is that Germany's legal system is based on a civil code system (in contrast to our common law legal system). So, while we won't be focusing on learning the doctrinal details of German law, it is interesting to study a legal system that is different from our own. Also, as American lawyers, it is interesting and informative to consider how other countries with different legal systems approach the same problems that we face in the development of law and policy. We will consider Germany's approach in areas such as business and commercial law, economics and trade, health law, terrorism and international criminal law, speech and media, environmental law, art and intellectual property law, and the law of privacy and personal rights.

What have other students said about this class?

"A once in a lifetime experience! You will not only visit places from the past and present integral to the development of International Law, you will hear from people who are essential to the operation and implementation of International Law. At the same time, you will get to experience the amazing culture of several countries, enjoying the food, drink, and customs of each." ~Brett Thomas

"This was a unique opportunity to visit and sit in on these international courts and tribunals which have brought countries together for a greater purpose." ~Abbey Fritz

"The places we visited brought classroom concepts to life and helped me to understand the evolution of the law in Germany. The combination of academic and cultural experiences made this trip unique and unforgettable. Highly recommended for all students." ~Maggie Szewczyk

"Finally seeing the places I have read about and studied throughout my undergraduate and law study brought a sense of permanence to International Law." ~Brian Kron

"This trip not only widened my view of global law, but also helped me to focus my own goals for my professional career. I enjoyed my travels more than I can convey, and would urge others who are curious about the practice of law abroad to see these procedures in action." ~Jessica Jolly

"The Germany-Globalization course was one of the best experiences I had in law school. I met amazing people, developed very useful professional networks, found myself exposed to so many areas of law, developed skills that will follow me forever, and all while seeing colorful sites that combined modern and historical cultures." ~Ram Sidi

"The opportunity to visit the European Courts and beautiful cities was more amazing than I had expected. I had the chance to view places that I had only read about and dreamed of visiting." ~Arryn Lash

"The best part of the experience was getting to see where the Nuremberg Trials occurred as well as seeing historic Nazi sites that led to the overhaul of the German political and legal system. It is such a unique experience that you cannot get in any other class or trip, even to Germany." ~Kristin Olson

Read more about other students' experiences in this class:

*[2014 Class Blog](#)

*[2013 Class Blog](#)

*[Chicago Daily Law Bulletin Article about this class](#)

Cost

The course fee is \$3000. It includes all air travel, hotel accommodations (students will stay in multiple-occupancy hostel and hotel rooms with other SIU Law students), most transportation (including transportation to and from all airports and rail transportation within Germany and Europe), some meals, and all required group tours. This fee does **not** include the cost of books and course materials, most meals, all personal expenses, the cost of obtaining a passport and visa, and other expenses associated with preparing for the travel component of the course. The fee also does **not** cover any incidental costs associated with the trip, including but not limited to the cost of souvenirs and optional excursions and side trips. Students are responsible for all expenses that are not covered by the course fee. Some costs associated with this course, including the course fee and some of the additional expenses not covered by the fee, may be paid using financial aid awards, depending on your individual circumstances.

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by October 3, 2014 to reserve your place in the class. The rest of the course fee is due on February 2, 2015.

For Additional Information or to Apply

If you have any questions about the course or the study abroad trip, please contact Dean Fountaine. If you have questions about financial aid, please contact Assistant Dean Judi Ray. To apply, simply fill out the Application Form and return it to Dean Fountaine by Friday, September 26, 2015.

