

**KADE-DUESENBERG GERMAN HOUSE AND CULTURAL CENTER
HOUSING APPLICATION (2008/2009 academic year)**

(due on Monday, January 28, 2008 at the Office of Residential Life; 121 Kretzmann Hall)

Name: _____

Local Address: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

• Total credit hours earned through Fall 2007 semester: _____
(if in Tübingen, total credit hours earned through August 2007)

• Overall GPA as of December 2007 (Tübingen students as of August 2007): _____

• How many years did you study German in high school? _____

• List the courses you have taken in German while at Valparaiso (including the Reutlingen Study Center or the Tübingen Orientation program) and the grade you received in each:

Course Title

Grade Received

• Please indicate where and when you plan to study abroad (or have already studied):

Please circle: Reutlingen Tübingen

Semester/Year: _____

• Have you spent other time in a German-language country? If yes, please explain.

• For which semester(s) are you applying to live in the German House?

Circle: full year fall only spring only

• If you are applying for one semester only, please state the reason:

• Are you also applying for an RA position for the 2008/2009 academic year? yes no

If yes, which placement will you accept? RA position German House

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RECOMMENDATION FOR RESIDENCY**

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To the Applicant:

Please have your current RA or RLC complete this form. Commuter students should have a faculty or staff person complete it. Study-abroad students should have a recent RA or RLC, or current study-abroad director complete it.

Please ask your referee to return this form to the Office of Residential Life (Kretzmann 121) by January 28, 2008. Please check one of the statements listed below and sign as indicated:

_____ *I waive my right to access of this form and other material connected to the selection process.*

_____ *I do not waive my right to access of this form and other material connected to the selection process.*

Signature _____ Date _____

To the Reference Person:

(Applicant's Name) _____ has applied to live in the Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center. S/he has given your name as a reference person.

Students who live in the German House are expected to serve non-resident students through planned and intentional social gatherings and educational outreach programs (for example: hosting German Club activities; planning informational gatherings about study abroad; or organizing German cultural events). Further, they are expected to speak only German in public areas of the German House.

Your honest appraisal of this individual's potential as a resident of the German House is greatly appreciated. Others will comment on the applicant's German ability; we ask you to comment on whether the applicant will contribute to the success of the German House with regard to the expectations described above.

Name of Reference Person: _____

Campus Address: _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Relationship to Applicant (please check appropriately):

_____ Applicant's current or recent RA or RLC

_____ Member of faculty or staff; acquainted with the applicant

_____ Other (please explain your relationship below)

over, please

Please evaluate the applicant on each characteristic listed below using the following rating. Any written comments you can provide are greatly appreciated.

- 1 -- Excellent
- 2 -- Above Average
- 3 -- Average
- 4 -- Minimally acceptable
- 5 -- Not acceptable
- N/A -- Not applicable (no information available in this area)

_____ INITIATIVE: The ease and vigor with which this person approaches a new situation or develops a new project. (Is the applicant likely to initiate an activity for residents and/or non-residents of the German House?)

Comments:

_____ COOPERATION: The applicant's ability to work with others. (Is the applicant likely to participate in activities initiated by others?)

Comments:

_____ RESPONSIBILITY: The degree to which this person is dependable, reliable, and accurate in his/her work. (Is the applicant likely to keep his/her pledge to speak only German in the German House?)

Comments:

_____ PERSONAL DISPOSITION: The applicant's ability to interact in a residential community. (Is the applicant likely to maintain a level-headed disposition in situations of conflict, anxiety, or social discomfort?)

Comments:

Additional Comments or Explanations:

Reference Signature: _____ Date: _____

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GENERAL INFORMATION

I. Eligibility

A. Applicants will have completed at least the 204 course in German or have reached that level of German through other means by the time residency begins.

C. Applications will be accepted from any student, regardless of major; international students whose native language is German will be considered if space is available.

D. Selection will be based on a combination of class standing, GPA, and likelihood to contribute to the success of the German House. Appropriate gender assignment within a suite may effect selection.

II. The Facility

A. The Kade-Duesenberg German House and Cultural Center is at 822 Mound Street.

B. Student residential units, located on the second floor, are configured in suites. Three suites have two bedrooms and one bathroom; a fourth suite has one double room and a bathroom. Two rooms are singles. The facility is co-educational, but each suite will house either all women or all men. The native-speaker Resident Assistant resides in a separate suite, also located on the second floor. All bedrooms are fully networked.

C. A great room with dining facilities and an adjacent kitchen are also located on the second floor. *All residents participate Sunday - Thursday in the common preparation, enjoyment, and clean-up of the evening meal.* The residential floor also has laundry facilities, a small study/computer room, and a television room.

D. The first floor of the facility houses a lobby, a large conference room, a small seminar room (the "Library"), a servery, office space for the Director of the German House, and a modest apartment for visiting scholars. A secure entry configuration ensures that visitors to the first floor have no access to the second floor unless escorted by a resident.

III. Rules

A. The same rules that govern other residence halls are observed at the German House, particularly with regard to alcohol and visitation. The German House is a no-smoking facility.

B. Students will *use German with one another* in all public areas of the German House. English may be used with non-German speaking guests, but will be restricted to the suite areas.

C. *Residents will host regular German Club meetings.* Residents are expected to develop and participate in additional activities that include non-residents and that promote use of German and knowledge of German culture.

D. Students are expected to take their *weekday evening meals (Sunday - Thursday) together at the House* with preparation and expense to be shared equally among the residents. Sophomores and juniors will additionally purchase a meal card (\$290 per semester in 2007/2008) to use for breakfast and/or lunch elsewhere on campus.