

REUTLINGEN, GERMANY – Fall or Spring

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Spring Semester Enrollment: October 1 Deadline (Early Acceptance: April 1 of prior year)

Fall Semester Enrollment: February 15 Deadline (Early Acceptance: November 1 of prior year)

WHO?

- All students! No previous study of German is required.
- You must be a sophomore, junior or senior. Minimum 2.75 GPA required, but a 3.0 is encouraged.
- You do NOT have to be a German major or minor to study in Reutlingen. Almost all Valpo students can study in Reutlingen without delaying graduation IF they plan carefully with their academic advisor and/or German professor.
- As many as 20 students each semester may study in Reutlingen.

WHAT?

- One semester of study (fall or spring) on the campus of the *Hochschule Reutlingen* in Reutlingen, Germany. Courses are taught by the VU resident director and by German professors; all courses except German language are taught in English. You are required to take a German language (FLGR) course plus German Life and Culture, but you may select among other course offerings. Courses available for the 2009-2011 academic year are:

Courses taught by German faculty:

FLGR 101	First Semester German (required if no previous German)	4 credits
FLGR 204	German Comp. and Conv. (you may repeat for credit)	4 credits
ART 311	European Art & Architecture (fulfills Fine Arts req.)	3 credits
ECON 290	Topics in Economics <i>Außenwirtschaft</i> (Int'l Trade) (fulfills Social Analysis requirement)	3 credits

Courses taught by VU Professor Zsuzsanna Szaniszlo, Resident Director 2009-2011

GS 390	German Life & Culture	3 credits
MATH 120	Mathematical Ideas (Primarily intended for students majoring in the Humanities; fulfills Quantitative Analysis component of General Education requirements)	3 credits

- Courses meet Monday morning through Thursday noon so that students might take advantage of travel opportunities. Several long weekends will be devoted to group trips (funded by your study abroad fee). Recent past trips have included Berlin, Budapest and Munich, as well as extended visits to eastern German cities like Dresden, Leipzig, Weimar, Eisenach and Wittenberg.

WHERE?

- Reutlingen is a town of about 95,000 located in the southwest part of Germany, near the major city of Stuttgart. It is located between the Black Forest and the Swabian Jura, both areas of geographical interest and beauty. The town's center boasts remnants of a city wall and medieval fortifications. Students walk through lovely residential areas and a park on their way from campus to downtown (about a 20-minute walk) or they can take one of the convenient Reutlingen buses.
- Students are housed in modern dormitories on the campus of the *Hochschule*. They live in double rooms with other VU students. Kitchens are located on each floor of the dormitories, but many students choose to eat their main meal each day in the cafeteria. Classes are also held on the campus within easy walking distance of dormitories and the cafeteria.

HOW?

- You must apply for the program through the Office of International Programs (OIP), Harre Union 209.
www.valpo.edu/studyabroad
- You should consult with your academic advisor and with one of the German professors as early as possible. Freshman year is not too early to begin thinking about studying in Germany. If your academic advisor is unsure about what courses you should or shouldn't take before going to Reutlingen, please consult with one of the German professors. Careful planning means that the courses you take in Reutlingen are courses you will need for graduation anyway.

HOW MUCH?

- *Air fare:* Students can expect to spend in the neighborhood of \$1200 - \$1400 for travel to and from Germany (fall semester is usually a little higher than spring semester). Many of the discount flights described in newspapers are not useful, since they are for short-term stays. The OIP will find the lowest-priced fare available for the group.
- *Tuition and General Fee:* Students pay the same tuition and general fee they would pay in Valparaiso. All financial aid is valid for the Reutlingen semester, except work-study and other "on-campus" aid. Reutlingen scholarships in amounts of \$500-\$600 are sometimes available.
- *Reutlingen Center Fee:* Each student who studies in Germany pays an additional study center fee, which is used by the program for approximately three group trips throughout Germany and Europe, cultural activities, and group meals. The Center fee also covers the cost of a month-long German rail pass.
- *Room and Board:* Students pay only the "room" portion of Valpo's room and board charge. Meal costs are then handled by students on an individual basis in Reutlingen. Those costs will typically be lower than at Valpo since the German government heavily subsidizes cafeteria costs for university students.
- *Spending Money:* The exact amount will differ depending on individual preferences and exchange rates, but generally you can expect to spend \$3000.00 - \$5000.00 on local travel, food and entertainment. Many students take advantage of purchasing additional transportation packages to tour Europe while participating in the Reutlingen Program. However, these additional packages are optional and not a requirement to participate in the program. Remember that as part of the Reutlingen fee, group excursions and cultural activities are already arranged to enhance your experience in Germany. The costs of the optional Eurail Pass (\$291.00 - \$696.00).

Fixed Costs (2009-2010): per semester

Tuition:	\$13,680 (VU scholarship & financial aid apply)
General Fee:	\$480
Reutlingen Fee:	\$1,200 (towards group excursions & cultural activities)
Dorm Fee:	<u>\$2,455</u> (includes kitchen facilities)
	\$17,815

Estimated Expenses:

Roundtrip Airfare:	\$1,200 – 1,400 (arranged through VU)
Personal Spending:	<u>\$3,000 – 5,000</u> (includes meals*, transportation & entertainment for entire semester)
	\$4,200 – 6,400

**Each dormitory has a full kitchen on each floor. Students can spend less money by cooking their own meals during the week.*

Total fixed & estimated costs: \$22,015 – 24,215

**Typical semester at VU: \$21,035 (Tuition, fees, room/board, personal spending)*

Optional Travel Expenses:

Eurail Pass	\$533/10 days of travel within 2 months – to tour Europe
	\$1027/unlimited travel within 2 months – to tour Europe

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