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Academic Year Abroad
at the University of Innsbruck

THE UNIVERSITY of NEW ORLEANS
Division of International Education
Preparing yourself for success in the 21st century means preparing yourself to thrive in the global community. “International” no longer means “abroad”; it can mean, literally, right next door.

Your participation in The University of New Orleans’ Academic Year Abroad at the University of Innsbruck is an investment that will pay dividends for a lifetime. AYA is designed to help you acquire the cultural savvy so important in the international community today. At the same time, it is intended to give you new insights into yourself and a better understanding of and appreciation for what it means to be American. AYA is an opportunity for you to collect intellectual frequent flyer miles you can cash in for the rest of your life!

Let Innsbruck - the “Bridge over the River Inn” - be a bridge to your future. I look forward to accompanying you on your way there.

Margaret F. Davidson, Ph.D.

Resident Director

The resident director of the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program is Dr. Margaret Davidson. Dr. Davidson has administered UNO international study abroad programs, including the UNO Innsbruck International Summer School, since 1989. Now a permanent resident of Innsbruck, she knows the area of Tirol and Austria well and has travelled extensively throughout Europe. Dr. Davidson advises students before, during and after participation in the program. She works with students and advisors on course enrollments and in securing transfer credit. Upon students’ arrival in Innsbruck, Dr. Davidson conducts orientation, assists with registration at the University of Innsbruck and with obtaining student resident visas and Austrian student insurance. In addition to teaching some classes herself, she conducts program field trips, organizes special lectures and many other events each semester. Dr. Davidson also provides academic and personal advising throughout the year. Dr. Davidson welcomes your questions and is available for consultation anytime by e-mail: margaret.davidson@uibk.ac.at.

“I was told that the year abroad in Innsbruck was an incredible experience and now I see why. It is not just the place, but the people that make it wonderful, the faculty and staff. Dr. Davidson was the person that made the difference in the experiences that all of us will carry with us for a lifetime. She also teaches in a way that really makes us think. She gives us courage to be ourselves, and no one could do more than that.”

Rachel Robertson,
University of New Orleans, LA
Innsbruck

Innsbruck often markets itself as “the heart of the Alps.” This designation aptly refers not only to the charm, beauty and small-town warmth of an historic European city nestled between the towering Nordkette (North Chain) mountains, with Germany to the north and the strategic Brenner Pass to Italy in the south, but also to the pulse-beat of Innsbruck as a cultural, political and economic cross-roads of Europe since pre-Roman times.

The University of Innsbruck

The cornerstone of UNO’s international study programs is the extremely successful relationship between the University of New Orleans and the University of Innsbruck. A long-standing formal Friendship Agreement with the University of Innsbruck affords UNO special access to the resources and faculty of this great European university.

With a population of approximately 120,000, Innsbruck is the capital of Tirol, which is one of the nine provinces of Austria. About 25,000 students live and study in the city, contributing to its young and energetic flair. Although the stunning mountains surrounding the city characterize Innsbruck and make it so unique, the beautiful old town and vibrant streets add to the special atmosphere. No other city in Europe combines nature and outdoor activities with metropolitan life-style like Innsbruck. Two-time host of the Olympic Winter Games and host of the 2012 Youth Olympic Games, Innsbruck takes pride in being not only the “capital of the Alps,” but also a sports capital of Europe. Throughout the entire year, there are sports activities as well as spectator events to enjoy.

Winter, spring, summer or fall - Innsbruck has a lot to offer. In addition to sports of all kinds, there are cultural opportunities around every corner. Theatres, concert halls, beautiful churches, unique museums, art galleries, artisan shops and farmers’ markets abound. If you want a change of scenery, simply hop on a train. Located in the center of Europe, Innsbruck allows you to explore the rest of the continent easily. Studying abroad with AYA in Innsbruck can thus become an unforgettable experience in cultural travel.

AYA Students meet the mayor of Innsbruck!
Curriculum & Courses

Curriculum
In keeping with the purpose of the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program, courses taught are those enhanced by the setting in Austria and Europe. A concerted effort is made in all courses to reinforce the classroom instruction with field exposure in the rich cultural surroundings. Guest students are responsible for securing approval from their own schools for the courses they wish to transfer.

As an AYA student, you have the option of selecting courses exclusively from the list of AYA course offerings or selecting some of your courses from the regular University of Innsbruck (UIBK) catalogue listing. However, all AYA students, even those who qualify for full immersion, must fulfill some AYA program courses. The required courses are specifically designed to ease adjustment, facilitate acculturation and provide a firm foundation in the history, culture, geography, business and social practices of Austria and Central Europe. In addition, U.S. students are encouraged to develop greater self-knowledge and self-confidence through an understanding of themselves and their country from a European perspective.

All AYA Special Topics courses, whether required or optional, are taught primarily in English. Students required to take all course work in German may complete readings, papers and exams for all AYA core courses in German. In order to avoid “island program” isolation, AYA Special Topics courses are open to a limited number of students at the University of Innsbruck who wish to take courses in English, ensuring interaction of AYA students with native students and faculty. Further, for regular UIBK courses conducted in German, AYA students have been warmly welcomed in the past and UIBK faculty members have been gracious and willing to give extra help. The language “barrier” should not deter any AYA student from attempting courses of interest conducted in German.

Course Offerings
UNO-AYA courses combine with University of Innsbruck courses to provide a rich palate of opportunities for AYA students. Some courses are offered regularly, others vary each semester. There are a couple of AYA program requirements, but there is no one complete set of fixed course offerings. Every attempt is made to customize course schedules to meet individual needs. Regardless of whether you have no prior German knowledge or enough German to qualify for full immersion, it is important that you communicate directly with the resident director regarding course possibilities.

Required Courses
- German Grammar and/or
- German Conversation, Composition, Culture at appropriate level
- A&S 2900 Europ. Civilization: Central Europe/Austria/Tirol (fall)
- HIST 3595 AYA Special Topics in Hist.: Modern Austria (spring)

Selected Optional Courses
- A&S 3595 European Perspectives of America
- ENGL 3595 Masterpieces of German Literature in Translation
- FA 3595 Drawing in Europe
- FTCA 3595 Stage Design
- GEOG 3595 Austria: Geography of a Central European Country
- GER 3002 German Phonetics/History of the German Language
- GER 3100 Readings in German Culture and Civilization
- GER 3101 Survey of German Literature (in German)
- MANG 3595 International Art Management
- MUS 1003 Early Jazz
- POLI 3595 Politics in Austria
- POLI 3595 Counterterrorism

Selected Courses in English at the University of Innsbruck
- International (Economic) Institutions
- European Business
- International Trade
- International Monetary Economics
- Finance & Banking
- Intercultural Communication
- The United Nations in a New Security Environment
- The Putin Era
- Film Studies: Woody Allen & the New York Film
- Aspects of Violence in American Literature and Film
- Images of America in Film
- Women Writers: J. Austin to M. Atwood
- Spinning the News: the Politics of American Media
- New Technologies - Quantum Information and Computation
- Techniques in Microbial Ecology
- International Consulting and Contracting (Engineering)
- Selected Topics in the Cultural Geography of the U.S.
- High Performance Computing

Please note that these are examples of courses which have been conducted by the University of Innsbruck in English, not a guarantee of availability.

For further course listings and details, please visit our website at www.inst.uno.edu/aya
General Program Information

Housing
Accommodations are arranged in advance of your arrival in Innsbruck. Participants are housed in the Internationales Studentenhaus, which remains open during the holiday periods and the semester break. Built in 1964 for the Winter Olympics and recently completely renovated, this well-maintained facility has been used for accommodations of UNO’s study abroad programs in Innsbruck for the past 35 years.

An excellent student dorm, the Internationales Studentenhaus is located three minutes from the main section of the University of Innsbruck, where most classes are held. It is within convenient, easy walking distance of all major lines of public transportation, grocery stores and other necessary shops, and the historic Old Town. It is a state-of-the-art facility, with strict house rules for cleanliness and security. All rooms include bed and bedding with linens, desk, light, chair, shelves, and wardrobe for each student, as well as a personal telephone, private shower, toilet and kitchen facilities, and hook-ups for internet and cable T.V. Private bathroom and kitchenette facilities may be shared with your German-speaking suitemate, depending upon your final room/unit assignment. Floor maids thoroughly clean the floors, surfaces, showers/toilet and kitchen areas in the rooms at least twice a month. Laundry facilities, lounges, music rooms, game room, T.V. room, meditation room, fitness room and computer room are available in-house, as well as 24-hour front desk staffing for security. Room leases are for 12 months (full year) or 6 months (one semester).

Meals
All students receive a bi-weekly meal allowance. Students are free to use the allowance as they choose. However, it is intended to provide the main meal of the day which in Austria is the mid-day meal, on all class days at one of the student cafeteria facilities (Mensa). These are excellent facilities used not only by students but also faculty and business professionals in the community for healthy, low-cost meal selections. A typical Mittagessen is a three-course meal with soup, hot entrée with vegetable, small salad and dessert. There is usually a grill section as well as a section for meatless “whole-food” offerings. Students also have cooking facilities where they reside, and most students prepare their own meals.

Insurance
All students are covered by a mandatory, comprehensive study abroad medical insurance plan that is included in the cost of the program. This policy provides for accident, medical expenses, emergency medical evacuation, repatriation of remains, and family assistance coverage. Extended coverage at additional cost is also available. Students will receive a brochure detailing the insurance plan and an insurance card. This policy does not cover trip cancellation or baggage loss. Should serious illness or an accident necessitate hospitalization, the University of Innsbruck has one of Europe’s finest hospitals, conveniently located directly across the street from the Internationales Studentenhaus. Please contact the Division of International Education at UNO for periods of coverage.

Upon completion of registration on site at the University of Innsbruck, AYA students are also covered by the Austrian student insurance, which pays for most routine medical services such as doctor’s office visits, so that very few, if any out-of-pocket expenses for medical care are incurred during the program period.

Travel
Students are responsible for arranging their own transatlantic transportation. During the course of each semester, regularly conducted field trips, both locally and for extended weekends, are included in the cost of the program. Students also have many opportunities to travel on their own on weekends and during holidays or semester breaks.

We do not recommend that any student drive, rent, purchase or lease a vehicle while abroad. Overall, public transportation in Europe is very efficient, reliable and affordable. We do recommend that AYA students purchase on-site a VORTEILScard offered by Austrian Rail (oebb.at). This card offers up to a 50% discount for all travel within Austria and up to 25% off for travel outside of Austria for students under 26 years of age.

“Riding through the snow!” Photo by David McCahill.

“This is an awesome program. It totally changed my life!”

Danielle Hale, University of Utah, UT

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Eligibility and Admission
Undergraduates in good standing, graduate students with a 3.0 average on a 4.0 scale, and non-degree seeking students are eligible to apply for admission. New students seeking college credit must meet the general admission requirements of the University of New Orleans. Guest students from other institutions and continuing University of New Orleans students must be in good standing. Priority will be given to students enrolled in a university program. After review of all application material, students will be notified of acceptance into the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad. Students are encouraged to apply for the full academic year but may also apply for one semester only.

Registration and Scheduling
Registration is complete upon receipt of a student’s formal application and deposit. Actual course scheduling will be conducted on an individual basis in consultation with the Resident Director. The Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program requires all students to complete at least twelve hours per semester. Students may enroll in up to 21 hours per semester.

Examinations & Transcripts
Regular attendance and successful completion of examinations is required of every student. All AYA special courses have midterm and final exams, and transcripts will reflect full letter grade evaluations. University of Innsbruck courses have evaluation criteria determined by the respective professors (oral exam, written exam and/or term paper), and students are graded according to the Austrian system: Sehr gut = A, Gut = B, Befriedigend = C, Genügend = D, Nicht genügend = F.

Students will receive a transcript from the University of Innsbruck and from the University of New Orleans. The official University of New Orleans transcript will provide a permanent record of all hours completed in Innsbruck and will be sent to the home institutions of all guest students who complete the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program.

How to Apply
Go to our website: inst.uno.edu/aya
Click on “Apply Here” to begin the application process. In addition to submitting an online application, you must download, complete and return all application forms before you can be officially accepted into the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program. Course selection takes place by contacting the Academic Year Abroad Administration.

“Iron the faculty and staff made my year in Innsbruck with AYA so special, I did it all over again! I stayed for a second year, took different classes and had so many more wonderful experiences that I came back again after graduation to be a Fulbright teaching assistant and art curator in Innsbruck.”
Mike Kilgore, University of New Orleans, LA

Inside the Imperial Palace.

“Innsbruck’s Maria-Theresien Street at Christmas.

“I was able to find phenomenal courses that matched my language ability, meet incredible friends, and enjoy the incredible outdoor activities provided by Innsbruck’s spectacular alpine setting.”
David McCahill, Harvard University, MA
Admission & Application Procedures

Students with German
Students with certified proficiency in German may choose the full immersion track. Verification from the Foreign Language or German Department Chair of Advanced or Advanced Intermediate standing, approved language course certificates such as those issued by the Goethe Institute, or a minimum of four semesters of college level German and successful completion of the University of Innsbruck’s language proficiency exam may exempt an applicant from the language study requirements expected from all other AYA participants.

Such students with German proficiency will be fully integrated into the Austrian University system and will be able to enroll in regularly offered courses at the University of Innsbruck, in addition to any AYA courses required. They will need to consult their Advisor, Department Chairs, and/or Dean at their home institution when selecting classes from the regular University of Innsbruck course offerings. Arrangements for such students will be handled individually through the Division of International Education in consultation with the Resident Director. This coordination will ensure that courses are accepted for transfer credit.

AYA Costs, Payment Terms & Schedule
Please see the enclosed program insert sheet for details.

Financial Aid Information

Division of International Education Ambassador Award
The University of New Orleans and the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program believe strongly that the European educational experience should be made available to as many qualified students as possible. To this end, a limited number of awards are available to current UNO undergraduate students who exhibit high academic achievement, can clearly demonstrate financial need, and whose academic plans will benefit most from this experience.

For further information on the Ambassador Award, contact the Division of International Education at the University of New Orleans or visit our website at: www.inst.uno.edu.

UNO Financial Aid
Financial Aid is available for all students on the AYA program. Please visit www.finaid.uno.edu for more information or contact them at: finaid@uno.edu.

Joint Study Stipend
The Joint Study Stipend is awarded by the Austrian government and is available only to UNO degree-seeking students who participate in the AYA program for not less than two semesters. Three awards are currently granted per year. Each recipient of the Joint Study Stipend will be awarded €350 per month for nine months to cover costs incurred while studying in Innsbruck. For further information on the Joint Study Stipend or if you have any comments or questions, contact the Division of International Education at aya@uno.edu.

Other Financial Aid
If you do not receive financial aid at your home institution, you may be eligible to receive private loans, grants, awards or other forms of financial assistance. Before deciding you cannot afford to study abroad, speak with us first!
Top 10 Reasons to Go on AYA

1) EXPERIENCE: Our 35 years of study abroad success in Austria provides AYA students with a solid infrastructure and local network of ready and friendly support.

2) LOCATION: The alpine setting is spectacular; the 800-year old city of Innsbruck is a “student town” in the very heart of Europe, easily accessible by train to and from other European points of interest.

3) QUALITY: Over 300 years of excellence at the University of Innsbruck awaits AYA students.

4) ACADEMICS: Regular University of Innsbruck curricula combine with special AYA courses for a balanced program.

5) ADMISSION: Admission to the University of Innsbruck is assured by virtue of its Friendship Treaty with the University of New Orleans.

6) CORE PROGRAM: Concentrations in Austrian Studies, German Language and Literature, Business, Fine Arts, Geography, Geology, History, Political Science, American/ European Studies and individual research projects form the basis of special AYA courses.

7) INSTRUCTION: An outstanding international faculty conducts courses in English and/or German.

8) IMMERSION: A full-immersion track is available to students with certified proficiency in German. All students have regular interaction with their Austrian peers.

9) CREDIT: All credits are fully transferable through the University of New Orleans to other universities.

10) VALUE: The cost of tuition, accommodations, meals, and excursions is affordable; the benefits are priceless!
PROGRAM DATES:

Fall 2012 Semester - September 24, 2012 to February 1, 2013
Spring 2013 Semester - February 26, 2013 to July 5, 2013**

PROGRAM COST:

Semester: $10,390.00   |   Academic Year: $16,490.00

The program cost includes:
• UNO tuition and fees for up to 21 hours per semester
• High quality student housing for 6 or 12 months
• Meal allowance
• All on-site registration fees, residency permit fees*
• Pre-departure material
• AYA welcome packet
  (including: phone card to call home upon arrival)
• All orientation materials on-site
• All housing and meal costs during orientation
• Transit pass during orientation
• Most course materials
• All program and class field trips
  (including: transportation, accommodations and meals)
• Many special meals and events
• Contact with local families, business, government and university officials
• Membership in the Austro-American Society of Tirol
• Access to the AYA on-site office
• Computer and video facilities
• Interaction with peer advisors
• Services of the resident AYA director
• Comprehensive Study Abroad Medical Insurance and Austrian Insurance Plans
• University and transcript fees

Not included in the program cost:
• Transatlantic airfare
• Passport/ visa fees
• Laundry
• Telephone calls
• Meals other than those specified
• Weekend travel
• Items of a personal nature

** Please note: Some exams for the spring semester may take place after July 5.

Innsbruck is located in the heart of Europe.

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Refund Schedule:

1. All monies will be refunded in full to students who are not accepted into the AYA Program less the $150.00 non-refundable application fee.

2. The $150.00 deposit is fully refundable if a student withdraws from the program voluntarily by:
   - June 15 - AYA Fall Semester
   - November 15 - AYA Spring Semester

3. A cancellation fee of $300.00 in addition to the $150.00 application fee will be assessed for cancellations after:
   - June 15 - AYA Fall Semester
   - November 15 - AYA Spring Semester

4. A cancellation fee of $800.00 in addition to the $150.00 application fee will be assessed for cancellations after:
   - July 15 - AYA Fall Semester
   - December 15 - AYA Spring Semester

5. Only those monies that can be recovered from vendors by the university will be refunded, less the $800.00 cancellation fee and the $150.00 application fee after:
   - August 1 - AYA Fall Semester
   - January 1 - AYA Spring Semester

6. There are no refunds for withdrawals on or after:
   - September 1 - AYA Fall Semester
   - February 1 - AYA Spring Semester

7. The effective date of a cancellation shall be the date that written notice is received by the Program Administration at the University of New Orleans.

8. Refund policies apply to all students regardless of date of application or circumstance.

NOTE: The participant remains ultimately responsible for the payment of all program costs regardless of any circumstances such as but not limited to the deferment of payments against the anticipated arrival of financial aid.