Academic Year Abroad
at the University of Innsbruck

THE UNIVERSITY of NEW ORLEANS
DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
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

Innsbruck & The University of Innsbruck
Innsbruck, often referred to as “the heart of the alps,” complements the charm and beauty of a historic European city with the natural splendour of the surrounding mountains and valleys. Of the approximately 120,000 inhabitants about 25,000 are students, who contribute to the young and energetic flair of the city. Two-time host of the Olympic Winter Games and host of the 2012 Youth Olympic Games, Innsbruck takes pride in being a sports capital of Europe. Winter, spring, summer or fall—Innsbruck has a lot to offer. In addition to sports of all kinds, there are many cultural opportunities. 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.

“I participated in the Academic Year Abroad Program seven years ago. The experience is unforgettable! I still talk about it every day!”
Ines Sigel
The University of New Orleans

“I 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 a U.S. citizen in the global community. 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 UNO Academic Year Abroad program is wonderful in countless ways. It has helpful people providing support at every turn. It gives you the opportunity to get a whole new perspective on life and on other people, along with a first-hand look at their culture. Participating in this program will take your life in new directions and fill it with new, exciting and lasting memories.”
Johnny Ray DeMaine
The University of New Orleans
**Curriculum and Courses**

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.

> No prior knowledge of German is required to participate in this program. Students with prior German are placed at the appropriate level of German language instruction.

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) catalog listing. However, all AYA students must complete some AYA program courses, including German language. 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.

AYA Special Topics courses, whether required or optional, are taught primarily in English. To avoid “island program” isolation and encourage interaction with local students, AYA courses are open to Innsbruck students. AYA students have also been warmly welcomed into regular UIBK courses.

**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. A few courses are required, but every attempt is made to customize course schedules to meet individual needs. Whether students have no prior German knowledge or enough German to qualify for full immersion, it is important that they communicate directly with the resident director regarding course possibilities.

**Required Courses**

German language at the appropriate level
A&S 2900 Central Europe/Austria/Tirol (fall)
HIST 3595 AYA Special Topics in Hist.: Modern Austria (spring)

**AYA Courses**

A number of UNO catalog courses are offered in Innsbruck as part of this program. Subjects include Art, History, Political Science, Geology, German and others.

**University of Innsbruck Courses**

For a complete and updated list of courses offered at the University of Innsbruck, including courses taught in English, please review the online course catalog at:
http://orawww.uibk.ac.at/public/lfuonline_lv.suche
For further course listings and details: www.inst.uno.edu/aya/courses

**Students with German**

Students with certified proficiency in German may choose the full immersion track. They will be able to enroll in regularly offered courses at the University of Innsbruck, in addition to any AYA courses. 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 with the Resident Director. This coordination will ensure that courses are accepted for transfer credit.

**Admission, Registration and Transcripts**

All students applying to this program must be in good standing. After review of all application materials, students will be notified of acceptance into the Innsbruck Academic Year Abroad program. Students are encouraged to apply for the full academic year but may also apply for one semester only. The Innsbruck AYA program requires all students to complete at least twelve hours per semester. With permission, students may enroll in up to 21 hours per semester.

Regular attendance and successful completion of examinations is required of every student. AYA courses have midterm and final exams. University of Innsbruck courses have evaluation criteria determined by the respective professors (oral exam, written exam and/or term paper). Students will receive a transcript from the University of Innsbruck and from the University of New Orleans at no extra cost. 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 AYA program.

**Medical Insurance**

All students are covered by a 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. 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.

> “My semester in Innsbruck with the AYA program was hands down the best decision I made while in Harvard. 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
Housing & Meals
Participants are housed in the Internationales Studentenhaus, an excellent
student dorm at the University of Innsbruck. 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 many years. 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. 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. Private bathroom and kitchenette facilities
may be shared with your suitemate, depending upon your final room/unit assignment. Room leases are for 12 months (full year) or 6 months
(one semester).

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, including vegetarian options. Students also have cooking facilities where they reside, and most students prepare their own meals.

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.

“Living and immersing myself in the Austrian culture and being as independent as I was on the AYA program made me a much stronger person. That gave me the push and drive to set a goal for myself: to apply for the Fulbright Program. Now here I am living my dream, all because of Innsbruck! It was a unique, life-changing experience and I made amazing friendships that will last a lifetime!”

Michelle Leonard
St. Mary’s College

Financial Assistance
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, scholarships,
and stipends 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.

Any student may be eligible to use financial aid, grants, student
loans, or other forms of financial assistance for this program.
Non-UNO students must apply for financial aid at their home
institutions but should not hesitate to contact the AYA program
administration for assistance with this process.

UNO and the University of Innsbruck receive the
Euro-Atlantic Culture Award for International Education
This prestigious prize was awarded to the University of New Orleans and the University of Innsbruck for “their remarkable contribution to the scientific and cultural exchange between Europe and the USA.” The European Foundation for Culture “Pro Europa” supports cooperation in the areas of art and science between the European Union and the United States.

A glorious winter day, through the
eyes of a student

Ines befriends a Tirolean musician.

In Innsbruck, nature is always in season.
Program Dates:
Fall 2014 Semester: September 22, 2014 to January 31, 2015**
Spring 2015 Semester: February 26, 2015 to July 5, 2015**

Program Cost:
Semester: $12,490.00 | Academic Year: $18,490.00

The program cost includes:
- UNO tuition and fees for full time enrollment
- High quality student housing for 6 or 12 months
- Meal allowance
- All on-site registration fees, residency permit fees*
- Pre-departure materials
- AYA welcome packet
- 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 AYA Resident 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 may take place after this date.

“By studying abroad in Innsbruck, I finally fulfilled my dream to travel outside of the U.S. and experience a new culture. I came to Innsbruck not knowing anyone and left with many new friends from all over the world. Since I have returned home, I feel I can achieve anything I set my mind to. Thanks to my experience in Innsbruck, I have found my independence.”
Stephanie Foltz, The University of New Orleans

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Refund Schedule:
1. All monies will be refunded in full to students who are not accepted into the program, less the $150.00 non-refundable fee.
2. $150.00 of the 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 $450.00 will be assessed for cancellations after:
   - June 15 - AYA Fall Semester
   - November 15 - AYA Spring Semester
4. A cancellation fee of $950.00 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 $950.00 cancellation 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.

Application Deadlines:
June 1 - AYA Fall Semester
November 1 - AYA Spring Semester
AYA accepts applications beyond the deadline if space is available.

“"The University of New Orleans AYA Innsbruck program couldn't have offered a more perfect abroad experience. The array of fascinating classes taught by passionate professors kept me wanting to go back! It will forever be my most memorable and exciting semester.”
Anthony Ryerson, Harvard University

"The AYA Program and Innsbruck culturally, socially, and academically immersed me for two amazing years and provided me with a life-changing experience. Choosing Innsbruck is always going to be one of the best choices of my life.”
Allison Steinbarth, St. Mary's College & The University of New Orleans