Accommodations

Students will live in residence halls or apartments alongside other international and German students. There are communal kitchen/cooking facilities so that students may prepare their own meals if they choose. They may also purchase meals in the university dining halls. The Studentenwerk Housing Office in Tuebingen will assist students in finding housing.

Going Abroad With the CGE

Students will be charged standard HWS tuition fees and a $550 administrative fee. This will cover course credit for the semester and the orientation program, including the intensive German course. Note that no room or board charge is included. Students will pay rent onsite in Tuebingen. Rent in student accommodations range from $300 - 420 per person, per month. Private rooms range from $350 – 500 per person, per month (and up). Students can either cook their own meals or eat in the inexpensive university dining halls. While food expenses will vary according to individual tastes, we estimate that about $2,000 – $2,300 should be sufficient for students who prepare their own meals. Students should bring their HWS room and board fees with them to cover these expenses (full-year students will need to plan accordingly to cover two semesters). Additional expenses not covered include airfare, books, visa, personal expenses, (laundry, entertainment, ground transportation and independent travel). We estimate airfare for this program at $900-$1000 from the East Coast, books at $250 and visa at $100. It is difficult to give an accurate estimate of student expenses because student spending habits differ considerably. We would suggest a minimum of $1,500 above and beyond room and board charges. However, students on a tight budget should be able to manage with less. If you are concerned about finances, we strongly encourage you to talk to the CGE staff who can offer information and advice based on your specific situation.

Application Deadline

- This program is offered every semester. Note that the fall program is a full-year program only.
- Applications are available at the Center for Global Education.
- Applications are due at the CGE office on a selected date in October (for Fall programs) and March (for Spring programs). For specific dates contact the CGE.

NOTE: The information above is subject to change. Please see the CGE for more information.
TUEBINGEN, GERMANY

About Tuebingen
The medieval town of Tuebingen, situated in southwest Germany, is remarkably well-preserved. With its crooked, cobbled-stoned streets and pointed gables, the pedestrianized “old town”, which lies along the Neckar River, looks much as it would have in the 1600s. Numerous sidewalk cafes, pubs, shops and restaurants make Tuebingen a very enjoyable place to stroll, while its outdoor cinema, festivals, art exhibitions and theater productions offer students the opportunity for cultural pursuits. With its 83,000 residents - 23,000 of which are students - Tuebingen is very much a university town. The University of Tuebingen, founded in 1477, is a major center of higher education for international scholars, researchers and exchange students. The University does not have a traditional “campus”, but rather is spread throughout the town. The Arts and Humanities departments, the library and the main dining hall are near the old town, while more the modern science faculties are located in the hills that surround the town center.

The Program
Hobart and William Smith Colleges maintain an exchange program with the University of Tuebingen. Its diverse faculty offer specializations in the fields of Protestant theology, Catholic theology, law, economics and business administration, medicine, philosophy and history, social and behavioral sciences, modern languages, mathematics and physics, chemistry and pharmacy, biology, geosciences and informatics, all of which are taught in German.

Courses
Students will take four courses and will receive a fifth course credit for an intensive German language course (Deutsch-Kompakt) offered during the orientation program. We strongly recommend that all students take this intensive German language course, and there is no extra cost. For a complete list of courses please visit: http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/international/internationale-studierende-incomings/erasmus-und-austauschstudierende.html

Academic Focus
This program can accommodate a variety of students and is designed for those who are interested in learning more about Germany and in developing German language skills. Students in Religious Studies, American Studies, European Studies and German Area Studies will find the program of particular interest.

Eligibility
This program is open to all juniors and seniors (sophomores may be considered in exceptional cases) in good academic and social standing with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Exchange opportunities depend on the availability of slots at the host institution. In addition, students must have completed the equivalent of four semesters of college-level German with a B average. Due to the challenging nature of study abroad, student academic and disciplinary records will be carefully screened. (Note that because of the timing of the German academic calendar, seniors will not be able to return in time for commencement on the HWS campus.)