

Off-Campus Study Student Profiles

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Major: International Relations and German
IES: Freiburg, Germany



Photo taken at Engelberg Mountain in Switzerland during an IES day trip.

Program Highlights:

- Researching for my Junior IS by collecting primary sources while traveling around Freiburg.
- Waking up early to get fresh bread and pastries at the local bakery.
- Spending Christmas with a German host family.

How did your experience fit into your major and your Wooster education?

My courses were instructed in German, I was able to research and write my German Junior IS with the assistance of program staff.

What courses did you take and how did you like your courses?

I took Social Market System; German Domestic Politics; Contemporary German Stage; German 399: Advanced; Medieval Mindset; and a Political Science Internship. I especially enjoyed German Domestic Politics and Contemporary German Stage.

Why did you choose your program and location in particular?

I chose the program because the German Department at Wooster recommended it; I also based my decision upon testimony given by alumni.

What unique experience did you have while abroad that contributed to your education?

My music experience was very unique; IES was not responsible for providing me music lessons, however they were able to organize lessons through a third party. As a Music Scholarship holder, I am required to take lessons and participate in ensembles every semester. In return for this, I receive the scholarship along with music lessons. Although I was abroad, the college was able to compensate my music instructor through the IES office.

IES: Freiburg, Germany

Freiburg is a picturesque university and medieval cathedral town with a rich educational heritage. Now a modern, cosmopolitan city of 200,000 people, Freiburg's skyline is still dominated by the famous gothic Münster (cathedral), and small streams (Bächle) dating from the Middle Ages still flow along the narrow streets in the city center. Though small enough that almost everything is within easy walking or biking distance, Freiburg is also large enough to offer a rich cultural life of its own. IES Freiburg classes are taught in German by distinguished native faculty at the IES Freiburg Center. As fully-matriculated students of Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, students also have the option to enroll in a wide variety of courses at one of Germany's most esteemed universities. Unique Studio Art, Music, and Teacher Education courses are also available at several local institutions.

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